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Ceremonial event: Prime Minister Narendra Modi taking part in Tuesday's flag-hoisting ceremony in Ayodhya, marking completion of the Ram Temple's construction. ANI (REPORT ON PAGE 11)

Power sharing a 'secret among 5-6 people'; will not disclose it: DKS

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Making the first direct reference to the so-called "power sharing pact" in the ruling Congress, Deputy Chief Minister and KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar on Tuesday said that it was "a secret among 5 to 6 people" and that he will not disclose it in public.

Speaking to reporters at Kanakapura, he said, "I believe in my conscience and I work accordingly. I don't want to embarrass or weaken my party." He said, "The Chief Minister is a senior leader and an asset to the party. He has governed for 7.5 years and has said that he would present the next budget as well. All of us have to work towards winning in 2028 and 2029."

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Assam proposes jail term, heavy fines for polygamy

Bill, tabled in Assembly, seeks to 'protect women, streamline society'; it covers residents entering such marriages outside State, but doesn't apply to Scheduled Tribes and Sixth Schedule areas

Rahul Karmakar
GUWAHATI

An anti-polygamy Bill tabled by Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma in the State Assembly on Tuesday prescribes imprisonment and heavy fines for people entering into, or hiding, a second marriage while the first continues to be valid.

The Assam Prohibition of Polygamy Bill, 2025, makes polygamy a criminal offence, punishable with up to seven years in jail and a fine, and up to 10 years in jail if a person enters into a marriage while concealing an existing one. The punishment will be doubled for repeat offenders, it says. Barring the Sixth Schedule areas, the draft law will be applicable across the State and will not cover members of the Scheduled Tribes under Article 342 of the Constitution. Customary laws of some tribes in Assam allow multiple marriages.

According to the Statement of Objects and Reasons, the Bill seeks to "prohibit and eliminate practices of polygamy", protect women from hardship and "streamline the society".

Other offenders

It brings village heads, qazis (Muslim clerics who solemnise marriages), parents, and legal guardians of people indulging in polygamy under its scope. Anyone who "wilfully hides, neglects or unreasonably delays" information to the police about such marriages may be punished as the main offenders and jailed for up to two years and fined up to ₹1 lakh.

The fine may extend to ₹1.5 lakh for any priest or qazi who solemnises a marriage contrary to the provisions of the law knowingly and willingly. Penalties have been prescribed for other abettors, too.

A provision of the anti-polygamy Bill expands the scope of its jurisdiction beyond residents of the State.

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Banning polygamy

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Here is a timeline of the new Bill:

- **August 21:** Assam government seeks public opinion by August 30, through email or by post, on a law to end polygamy in the State
- **November 9:** The Assam Cabinet approves a new legislation to outlaw polygamy
- **November 25:** The Assam Prohibition of Polygamy Bill, 2025, is tabled in the 126-member Assembly

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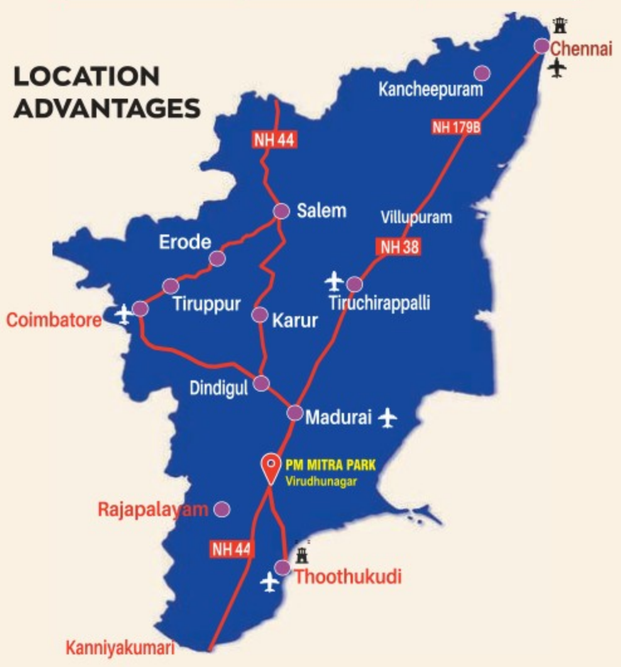

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The World Cup could inspire budding Indians to become professionals

She reflects on balancing sport and personal lives; is confident of performing well in the Global Chess League and wants women to play against men to gain exposure

INTERVIEW

Koneru Humpy

P.K. Ajith Kumar
ARPORA (GOA)

At 38, Koneru Humpy remains one of the world's top players in women's chess. She is at present the World No. 6. Last year, she won the women's World rapid chess championship for the second time. In July, she contested the final of the women's World Cup against fellow-Indian Divya Deshmukh and lost.

She hasn't played since, but came to Goa as a guest at the World Cup. She made the ceremonial inaugural move for the second round of the fifth round, and then spoke at length about her career, her personal life and women's chess, among other things. *Excerpts:*

You've taken a conscious call to space out your tournaments...

I take breaks so that I could spend quality time with my daughter and my husband. Before the World Cup, I had played a couple of tournaments in a row. So, after that, I decided to take this three months break. My daughter shouldn't feel her mother is leaving every time for the tournament.

Even this morning she called me up to confirm that I would be getting back home tomorrow. That is how it is to be a mother. But yes, thankfully, I have a support system; I have my parents to look after my daughter. It really helps me a lot to travel around the tournaments. Well, it is also difficult as a player when I take a long break and to come back in a tournament. It is actually tough. But I make sure before the tournament, at least around 20 days to one month, I have a regular routine of practice so that I don't lose touch with the sport. I try myself in solving puzzles and playing a lot of online games, you know, to get to that mindset.

Of course, sometimes as a player, you might be successful, sometimes you may not. But it is all part of the sportsperson's career.

The defeat to Divya Deshmukh in the World Cup final

It was painful. Like any other person, when you lose a World title, it's a bit disappointing. It took me time to come back, maybe a week or so. But once I am back home and once I start spending time with my daughter, I don't mix up my professional and personal life.

Was the format challenging?

For the World Cup and its knockout format, I was mentally prepared for every round that, okay, I might get eliminated, it might happen. I have played so many knockouts. There have been times when I got eliminated in the second round and there have also been times when I played three or four semifinals and lost. So, the only thing I told myself was to give the best whatever I could on that particular day. But of course, as a player, I do have certain limitations, and energy also matters a lot in this format. Going towards the end, after playing especially the semifinal tie-breaks with Lei Tingjie, I also lost a lot of energy.

If you are playing a Swiss tournament, you could just stick to your own preparations.

You don't need to spend so much on changing the opening repertoire for just one particular game. But at an event like the World Cup, when you have a different opponent, you are forced to look at different things.

You have to spend quality time preparing so many new ideas and other stuff. So, that actually makes you lose energy. I think that is why I felt like this format is more suitable for younger players. People might think it is an indoor sport and that energy doesn't matter as much in outdoor sports. But at the end of the day, your brain needs a rest and you have to be fresh enough to play practically over the board. Especially in rapid and bridge formats, those small things matter a lot depending on how energetic you are.

Women playing against men is something you have long advocated for...

FIDE

I have always said that young girls need to participate in the men's circuit so that they could gain experience and also they will get the opportunity to improve their rating as well as learn more skills from stronger players.

I have done the same thing when I was younger; I used to play in a lot of open tournaments and also in the men's National championships. I also took part in the age-group National championships for boys. Today I think people are very well aware that women should also need to take part in the open events so that they could get that exposure.

And the present generation is smart enough to utilise the opportunities whenever they get.

I have been following many of them who have taken part in the open tournaments and they are improving their middle-game and end-game skills as well.

Making the ceremonial opening move at the World Cup

I am very glad to be here because I haven't played any tournament after the women's World Cup and have had a break of three months. Here I got the opportunity to meet all the chess players and my friends, and it is a great honour to make the inaugural move of the FIDE World Cup.

You will be seen in action next month at the Global Chess League in Mumbai...

The Global Chess League is one of those events every player would love to play. It always has different formats and a different kind of energy. Last year they had created a new time control without the increment and it had a lot of impact on the results. So every year they have been innovative. I am sure that with our team Mumba Masters we will be able to give our best.

There's also the title defence at the World rapid championships in Doha...

I just wanted to enjoy the format and play my best. Nowadays I believe that rather than chasing the title, it is more important to give your best. I am not the kind of player to keep a target from the start of the tournament.

Women's chess in India has seen a number of encouraging results. Where do you see it going?

It is also growing slowly. But look at women's cricket. People were even criticising the female cricketers. Now they have won the World Cup and people have started appreciating them and they are getting recognition. I think it is the same case in women's chess.

And they will have the passion to learn. Having it in India, for players and it is an advantage for both players and fans. Players can have the food and weather conditions which they are used to. But at the same time, there is also pressure on them to have big crowds and so much media attention. It is not easy for a player when you are playing. You need to be very well balanced to concentrate on the sport and not to get distracted with other things.

What do you think of India hosting the World Cup?

We had a World Cup in 2002 as well, in Hyderabad, and that was my first. When we play such tournaments, in our home country, we see a lot of crowd coming. And the enthusiasm in the kids will grow more towards the sport. I think this is one of such events where people will get attracted to chess.

Have you enjoyed Goa as a World Cup host?

I think this is one of the best choices as far as the venue is concerned. We have seen players coming up from the southern part of India. Tamil Nadu is the hub for chess in India now. We have several Grandmasters from Andhra. We have many from Maharashtra, too. Goa is the place where we have seen very few players coming up at the national and international levels. I think this region is now having a great opportunity to witness these all top players. That could inspire the youngsters here to become professionals.

ATM cash van heist: City police arrest nine, recover ₹7.1 crore

Police Commissioner Seemant Kumar Singh appreciated the team's work for cracking the case and awarded certificate of appreciation to all the 200 police personnel involved in the operation

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

With the arrest of nine people, including a police constable, involved in the ATM van robbery case, the Bengaluru city police have made a total 98.6% recovery of ₹7.1 crore out of ₹7.11 crore that was robbed on November 19.

Police Commissioner Seemant Kumar Singh appreciated the team's work for cracking the case and awarded certificate of appreciation to all the 200 police personnel involved in the operation.

The accused have been taken into custody and further investigations are on to recover the rest of the money from them, he said.

It was a meticulously-planned robbery executed badly, an officer part of the operation said.

The toughest part for the police was the arrest of the trio who had hired a cab to Hyderabad and used the mobile number of the cab driver to misguide the police. ILLUSTRATION: SEBASTIAN FRANCIS

A chase

While the police faced many challenges in the case, the toughest part was the arrest of the trio who had hired a cab to Hyderabad and used the mobile number of the cab driver to misguide the police, the official said.

The accused, identified as Rakesh, brother of one of the masterminds, Ravi, and his two associates Naveen and Nelson used mobile phones borrowed from the cab driver and shopkeepers to contact their family members in the city. Though the police identified the accused and began tracking them down through call record details, they intercepted the cab driver on the outskirts of Hyderabad based on the CDR verification.

It was a race against time for the police who drove private vehicles to Hyderabad in hot pursuit of the accused. Based on the information given by the cab driver, the police, within an hour, reached the lodge where the accused had stayed, but by then they had already checked out.

Meanwhile, the accused went to a roadside juice centre for a refreshment and borrowed the phone of the shop owner to make a call to their parents. The police got a tip-off from the technical team in the city, who were tracking the movements of the accused and rushed to the juice centre with the help of local police. By then, however, the accused had left and the juice centre owner confirmed the presence of trio and told the police that they had borrowed his phone to make a call.

The police, based on his information, dispersed in different directions to continue tracking the accused before nabbing them at the Nampally Metro Station in Hyderabad.

The accused confessed to the police that they came to know about the arrest of their associates and decided to return to the city and had even purchased bus tickets to Bengaluru.

However, before boarding the bus, the police team tracked them down and recovered a total of ₹54.7 lakh which they had carried in their backpacks.

Older case

One of the prime accused, Ravi – son of a former army man and owner of a travel agency – revealed during that he was involved in the murder case of a rowdy-sheeter reported in Varthur police station limits in 2018.

He was absconding since then and the police had failed to track him down until he was arrested by the Siddapura police for the ATM van robbery case.

Ravi, according to the police, was part of the rival gang which hacked 33-year-old Challa Kumar on the night of May 17, 2018, at Kodathi Gate.

The prime accused, Nagaraj, had professional rivalry with Challa Kumar who was a rowdy-sheeter in Banasawadi having over half a dozen criminal cases. While the police had arrested all the six accused, Ravi who was part of the murder plan, execution and also provided logistics, was not arrested.

Man attempts to end life after media publishes wrong photo

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A case of mistaken identity linked to the recent ₹7.11-crore ATM cash van heist has taken a disturbing turn after a youth attempted to end his life after his photograph was mistakenly shown by media outlets as one of the arrested accused. The police said that among the nine people arrested so far is Xavier alias M. Prajan, 36, a former employee of CMS Info Systems. He was one of the first to be picked up during the investigation.

However, another man named Xavier, aged around 25, attempted to end life after television channels flashed his photograph instead of the accused's.

The mix-up came to light when the young man's family approached a police station in the East Division, informing officers that their son had been wrongly identified as one of the heist suspects. The police immediately intervened and ensured he received medical attention.

City Police Commissioner Seemant Kumar Singh urged media organisations to verify details thoroughly before publishing photographs of accused persons. He said the department would also investigate whether the arrested Xavier had submitted the other man's photograph during his recruitment, which may have contributed to the confusion.

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Delay of 1.5 hours in reporting robbery to police being probed

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BENGALURU

Police Commissioner Seemant Kumar Singh said there was a delay of about one-and-a-half hours in the ATM cash van robbery being reported to the police, giving an advantage to the robbers and this was being probed, whether this was deliberate or gross negligence.

The staff who were there in the van – the custodian, the driver, and the armed security personnel – were hired by different agencies, without any background checks. They reported the incident to their seniors and not the police.

While the CMS Info Systems staff began probing and trying to track down the vehicle and carrying out their SOP, they failed to inform the police, which they are supposed to do on top priority, Mr, Singh said.

"Meanwhile, the staff instead of calling the police control room decided to have lunch as it was their lunch break," Mr. Singh said, adding that this negligence led to a delay in informing the police. "We are probing whether this was only negligence or deliberate," he said.

The police also alleged there were a series of violations of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) guidelines at every step in handling cash. "The staff was outsourced and there was no SOP and basic training to them on how to handle any eventuality. There were no background checks before hiring staff, which is mandatory," an official pointed out.

Police seize 14.8 kg of synthetic drugs worth ₹23.7 crore

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In one of the biggest drug busts in the city in recent times, the Anti Narcotics Wing of the Central Crime Branch on Tuesday arrested a 42-year-old Nigerian national and recovered 14.84 kg of synthetic drugs, including 11.6 kg of MDMA crystals, 1.04 kg of ecstasy pills, and 2.2 kg of raw chemicals used for preparation of the drugs, worth ₹23.7 crore from him.

According to the police, the accused, Ejike Nzegwu, is a habitual offender involved in similar cases. After coming out on bail, he continued to peddle drugs, sourcing the contraband from his contacts in Delhi.

According to the police, the accused came to the city on a business visa in 2017 through Sri Lanka and overstayed. He was arrested by the Bagalur police in 2019 in a narcotics case and was jailed. He came out on bail and was later again arrested by the Konanakunte police in 2020 in another narcotics case.

Terming the recovery as one of the biggest in the recent past, Police Commissioner Seemant Kumar Singh said that the city police have seized drugs worth ₹113 crore in the year so far.

Mr. Singh said that legal action would be initiated against the accused's landlor for violating rules and failing to inform the local police while renting out the premises to the accused.

He has also ordered an inquiry against the local police for failing to keep tabs on the accused.

Maintain strong physical and mental health, says Group Captain Shukla

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Astronaut Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla on Tuesday called on students to maintain strong physical and mental health along with discipline.

Speaking at an interaction programme at the Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium, he said: "Maintaining strong physical and mental health along with bringing discipline into your life will help you become an astronaut like me."

Astronaut Shubhanshu Shukla speakng at an interaction in Bengaluru on Tuesday. PTI

High goals

Group Captain Shukla also urged students to set high goals and work relentlessly toward them. "Dream big but also adopt discipline. I trained for five years for a 20-day journey. Perseverance and patience are essential," he said.

About 400 invited students from Bengaluru as well as those from North and South Karnataka attended the event.

About his stint at the International Space Station (ISS), Group Captain Shukla spoke about the difficulties of adjusting to microgravity, the extreme G-forces astronauts endure, and the struggle to stand after returning to earth. "In emergencies, the spacecraft can exert 18-20 Gs which feels like an elephant sitting on your chest," he said.

More than mission

On the Gaganyaan mission, he said that it was not just a

> It [Gaganyaan] is India's declaration that we can achieve world-class space capability in our own way. We will be cost-effective without ever compromising on quality
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> **SHUBHANSHU SHUKLA,** Astronaut Group Captain

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At the programme, he also presented a short video summarising his intensive training and his space journey which gae the students a first-hand glimpse into life as an astronaut.

Rowdy sheeter held for robbing jeweller of 23 kg of silver bars

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Halasuru Gate police have arrested a 45-year-old rowdy-sheeter who had robbed 23.2 kg of 49 silver bars worth ₹37 lakh from a jeweller recently.

The accused identified as Ayaz Choudhary, allegedly followed the jeweller who was carrying the silver bars on a scooter to hand it over to a customer. While the victim was busy in trying to place the helmet in the boot space, the accused allegedly picked up the bag containing the silver bars and escaped. The victim raised the alarm but the accused managed to flee.

Based on a complaint, the Halasuru Gate police took up a case.

After the picture of the accused was captured by a CCTV camera, it was corroborated with the habitual offenders' gallery and the accused identified.

The police raided his house and arrested Ayaz. Based on his confession, the police have recovered the robbed valuables intact from 49 places across the city. The accused had over 50 criminal cases against him.

The stolen silver bars were valued at ₹37 lakh.
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Liquor is destroying our families, say women; seek action against alcohol sales

Rishita Khanna
BENGALURU

"Every day starts with the fear that one of the men in my house will come home drunk and beat us again," said Lakshmamma, a daily-wage worker from Gunjahalli in Raichur, clutching a photo of her 18-year-old grandson, now addicted to alcohol.

For the 62-year-old, liquor is not an abstract policy issue; it is the reason she lost her husband, saw her son drift into addiction, and now watches her grandson slip down the same path. "How many children will we lose? Alcohol has eaten our families alive. The government must protect families like ours and ban liquor."

Ms. Lakshmamma, like many others, had travelled overnight to Bengaluru to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with thousands of women at Freedom Park. Women's organisations from across Karnataka came together on Tuesday for a joint State-wide protest demanding a ban on liquor and stricter action against illegal sales.

Women's organisations from across Karnataka staging a protest at Freedom Park demanding a ban on liquor, on Tuesday. K. MURALI KUMAR

The protest, insistent and deeply personal, is the latest chapter in a more than 10-year-old movement demanding that the State confront what they say is Karnataka's most silent social crisis – alcoholism.

The anguish filling Freedom Park is not new. The Madya Nisheda Andolana, a State-wide coalition of over 30 organisations, has been demanding prohibition for many years.

They last held major demonstrations in 2016, 2018, 2019, 2023, and again this year, with smaller protests continuing at the taluk and district levels throughout between. Yet, women say nothing has changed.

Ms. Lakshmamma's story reflects what many others echoed. Her husband died seven years ago from alcohol-related complications. She raised two daughters and a son alone, working long hours on farms. But addiction clawed back into her house through the next generation.

Mehbooba Firdos, another protester from Sindhanur said that out of her four sons, only one stayed sober.

"The others beat me when they are drunk. No neighbour interferes. Who can we go to?"

Another woman described the loss she had endured. "My daughter-in-law left because my son beat her whenever he drank. He kept drinking even after she left, and one day his body gave up. We didn't even have money to cremate him properly. Now my grandson has dropped out of school to work. How do we go on like this?"

Women spoke of being widowed young, of children pushed into labour to compensate for lost wages, of households slipping into debt and poverty.

"Whether it is licensed outlets or grocery shops and homes selling illicit liquor, the flow has become easier, especially for young boys," said Geeta J. from Konkal village in Yadgir district.

Two demands

The protesters on Tuesday placed two demands before the State government – restore gram sabha's power over liquor licensing and set up village-level women's vigilance committees.

In States like Haryana, Maharashtra, and Rajasthan, gram sabhas have the final say in whether a liquor shop can open in their jurisdiction. Licences are issued only if a minimum number of women, often 20% of the sabha, approve the proposal. Karnataka had a similar provision until 2016, when the government removed it. The protesters want this restored, along with a stricter clause allowing even 10% of gram sabha members to veto permission, as followed in some States.

They are also seeking quasi-judicial powers for women's committees in every panchayat to identify and shut down illegal liquor outlets operating out of houses, grocery shops, stalls or sheds. The Karnataka Panchayat Raj Act already allows the formation of additional committees for social justice, with protesters arguing that these powers can be extended to curb illicit liquor sales.

CM promises action

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah met the protesters, heard their demands, and accepted their petition. He promised the group that their memorandum would be looked into by the government.

For Assam tea, erratic climate and stagnant prices present a crisis

Tea thrives within narrow environmental parameters that were once abundant across the Brahmaputra valley; that is no longer true; rising mean and maximum temperatures, shifts in rainfall seasonality, and the declining soil moisture now challenge the very foundation of tea cultivation in the region

Anurag Priyadarshi

By November, as the festival lights of Diwali fade and winter approaches, Guwahati usually enjoys cooler evenings, lower humidity, and a calm that signals the close of the tea-harvesting season. But in recent years, this rhythm has grown uncertain. Persistent heat, delayed rainfall, and muggy air now linger well past October, blurring the boundaries of Assam's once-distinct seasons.

For tea growers, these shifts from the traditional climatic cycle aren't just uncomfortable: they're existential.

The tea plant was introduced to Assam in the 19th century and has since become both a global commodity and the economic lifeline for over 12 lakh workers, many of them women. Yet its fragile harmony with the local environment is being tested.

Extended dry spells, abrupt downpours, rising night-time temperatures, and new pest patterns are making tea yields increasingly unpredictable. Farmers speak of blackened leaves, wilting bushes, and erratic flush cycles that defy long-trusted weather cues.

"We have not seen such weather-induced stress in 30 years," Tea Board advisor N.K. Bezbaruah said recently, underscoring how climate change is steadily eroding the ecological and economic stability of the State's tea heartland.

Despite such hardships, tea prices have barely kept pace with inflation. Auction prices in India have reportedly grown by only 4.8% annually in the last three decades, versus 10% for staples like wheat and rice. In real terms, returns to tea growers remain stagnant, squeezed between climate shocks and rising costs of wages, agrochemicals, energy, logistics, and irrigation. Tea prices have turned volatile and, despite short-lived corrections, the long-term trend shows no gainful improvement.

For Assam's planters, this is a cruel paradox: the weather grows harsher but the market offers no reward for resilience. Many estates now face shrinking margins and ageing bushes, unable to reinvest in climate-resilient varieties. The very regions that power India's $10 billion tea economy now confront a future where climate unpredictability threatens both livelihoods and the legacy of one of the world's most popular beverages.

A group of workers harvest a flush of tea leaves in Jorhat, Assam. GETTY IMAGES

Growing tea

Tea thrives within narrow environmental parameters: an annual temperature range of about 13° to 28° C, with optimal growth occurring when mean temperatures remain close to 23-25° C. Rainfall requirements are equally stringent, averaging 1,500-2,500 mm per year, distributed evenly to keep soils consistently moist but well-drained. Tea also prefers slightly acidic soils (pH 4.5-5.5) that are deep, friable, and rich in organic matter – conditions once abundant across the Brahmaputra valley.

Climate change is altering these thresholds. Rising mean and maximum temperatures, shifts in rainfall seasonality, and declining soil moisture now challenge the very foundation of tea cultivation in the region.

One study by the Tea Research Association and the Ethical Tea Partnership modelled the future of Assam's tea under future climate scenarios described by the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). Specifically, the projections for Assam's tea regions were developed using Global Circulation Models under the IPCC's RCP 2.6 and RCP 4.5 scenarios.

The researchers combined 50 years of historical climate data, including rainfall, temperature, and bioclimatic variables, with future climate grids generated by the WorldClim database at a resolution of 1 km. Using the MaxEnt species distribution model, they mapped the current suitability of tea-growing regions and predicted shifts by 2050.

They found that both minimum and maximum temperatures are set to climb across all regions, stressing plants and reducing nutrient absorption. Precipitation was projected to decline in winter and pre-monsoon months – critical for plant growth – while increasing erratically during the monsoon. Currently, South Bank, Upper Assam, and Cachar enjoy "very good" suitability for tea, but by 2050 these areas could lose much of their advantage, forcing tea cultivation to shift towards higher altitudes like Karbi Anglong and Dima Hasao.Flavour and aroma – the hallmarks of premium Assam teas – depend on precise climatic rhythms. Erratic weather will thus disrupt this delicate balance as well, threatening global competitiveness.

The tea tribes that are the backbone of the plantation workforce represent a powerful constituency. With elections due, their concerns are likely to feature prominently, turning the tea gardens into a crucial arena of livelihood and electoral debate

The study also found that the average minimum temperature in Assam had risen by 1° C in the last 90 years and that the region also lost around 200 mm of rainfall a year in this time.

Perhaps a more serious problem is the increased incidence of new pests and diseases attacking tea bushes. Extreme heat above 35° C hampers tea plants' ability to absorb nutrients, stunting leaf growth and making the tea bushes vulnerable to pests. Unlike the paddy farmers of Punjab, the tea growers of Assam receive little government aid when drought or heat strikes.

Adapting to a warmer future

Tea growers, researchers, and corporations have been encouraging climate-resilient practices, such as seed-grown varieties with deep taproots alongside high-yield clones to strengthen resilience to drought. Soil conservation measures such as mulching, cover crops, and organic amendments can help retain moisture while agroforestry through shade trees and companion crops can moderate heat stress and reduce pest pressure.

Innovations in water management, including micro-irrigation, rainwater harvesting, and drainage that mitigate drought and flooding are equally important.

Multistakeholder programmes such as 'trustea', the India Sustainable Tea Code, are already contributing to a climate resilient supply chain by verifying 1.4 lakh small growers and reaching 6.5 lakh workers through sustainable practices, efficient water use, and integrated pest management, thus building climate resilience at scale.

Economic diversification into fruits and spices,organic teas, fisheries and livestock, tourism, and direct-to-consumer trade can further cushion the industry against climate risks. The industry also needs policy support that treats tea on par with other crops, sustained investment in research, and capacity building to secure the future.

The tea tribes that form the backbone of Assam's plantation workforce, also represent a powerful political constituency. With State elections due in early 2026, their concerns over rising costs, stagnant wages, and climate-driven hardship are likely to feature prominently, turning the State's tea gardens into a crucial arena of both livelihood and electoral debate.

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THE GIST

Tea is an economic lifeline for over 12 lakh workers. But its fragile harmony with the local environment threatens their livelihoods. Unpredictable weather has left farmers with blackened leaves, wilting bushes, and erratic flush cycles that defy long-trusted weather cues

Tea prices are barely keeping pace with inflation. Prices have grown by only 4.8% over three decades. In real terms, returns remain stagnant, and the long-term trend shows no gainful improvement. For planters, this is a cruel paradox: the weather grows harsher, but the market offers no reward for resilience

Researchers used 50 years of climate data with future grids and found that by 2050, present locations would be unsuitable, forcing cultivation to shift towards higher altitudes. Flavour and aroma depend on precise climatic rhythms. Erratic weather threatens competitiveness

BIG SHOT

Biologist Andres Hurtado holds a Cuban gar, a critically endangered fish according to the International Union for Conservation of Nature, at Zapata Swamp in Cuba, on November 19. Centuries of exploitation, habitat loss, and the 1999 introduction of the African walking catfish, an invasive species that has ravaged the once-pristine swamp, are culprits in its precipitous decline. REUTERS

QUESTION CORNER

Why did Hayli Gubbi erupt now?

Vasudevan Mukunth

A: Hayli Gubbi is a shield volcano in Afar, Ethiopia, and a member of the Erta Ale Range. It's located at the edge of the East African Rift where the African and Arabian plates are slowly pulling apart. A shield volcano is a broad, gently sloping volcano that consists of many thin, fluid lava flows. Its eruptions are typically less explosive so the lava spreads out wide like a warrior's shield — and so the name.

Geological studies have shown that Hayli Gubbi is built mainly from dark basaltic lavas but also contains more silica-rich rocks like trachytes and rhyolites. These lighter magmas can trap more dissolved gases, so when they rise, they're more likely to erupt explosively and throw ash high into the atmosphere. That's what happened on November 23.

But why did it erupt now after at least 12,000 years of quiet? While it's early days, scientists believe the answer lies deep under the rift. As the tectonic plates move apart, hot mantle rock rises and partially melts, feeding magma into shallow chambers beneath the volcano. Over millennia, this magma can slowly build up and pressurise the rocks above it.

At some point, faulting or cracking of the crust will open a path to the surface, allowing the pressurised, gas-rich magma to rise quickly and the dissolved gases to expand into bubbles.

This photo released by the Afar Government Communication Bureau shows ash billowing from the long-dormant Hayli Gubbi volcano in Ethiopia. AP

Because the volcano is remote and poorly monitored, scientists are still analysing satellite images and ash samples, so their explanations are provisional and may change as new data becomes available.

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IAS officer Mahantesh Bilagi dies in road accident near Kalaburagi

Police officers inspecting the vehicle that was carrying Mahantesh Bilagi (inset) and his relatives after the road accident near Kalaburagi on Tuesday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The Hindu Bureau
KALABURAGI

Senior IAS officer Mahantesh Bilagi, who was the Managing Director of the Karnataka State Minerals Corporation Limited (KSMCL), died in a road accident near Gonahalli Cross in Jewargi taluk of Kalaburagi district on Tuesday evening.

Two of his relatives, Shankar Bilagi and Eeranna Bilagi, also lost their lives in the crash. According to police sources, the 51-year-old officer was travelling from Ramdurg in Belagavi district to Kalaburagi to attend a family wedding when the accident occurred at 5.30 p.m.

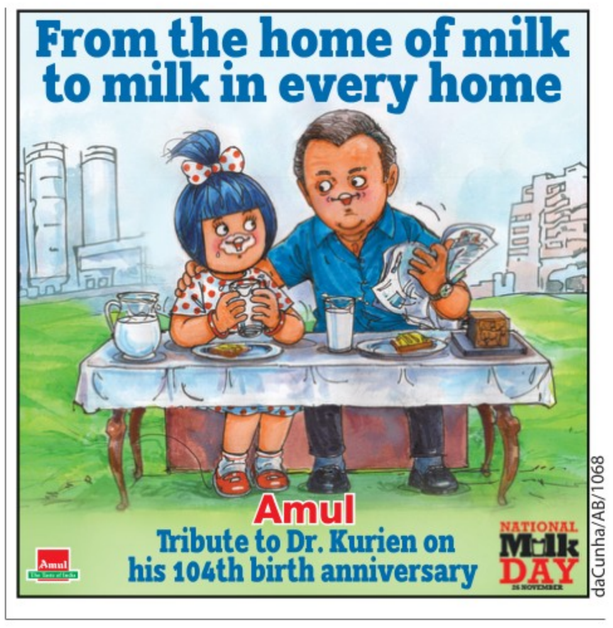
Initial reports indicated that the car carrying the victims rammed a road median and overturned. The two relatives accompanying him died on the spot, while Bilagi, who suffered grievous injuries, was rushed to a private hospital in Kalaburagi. Despite emergency treatment, he died of his injuries.

Bilagi, a 2012-batch IAS officer of the Karnataka cadre, hailed from Ramdurg.

Before taking charge as Managing Director of the KSMCL, he served in several important posts, including that of Deputy Commissioner of Davangere and Managing Director of Bescom. Before joining the Civil Services, he worked as an English tutor in Dharwad. Bilagi, as Deputy Commissioner of Davangere, focused on urban development and grievance redressal mechanisms.

As Bescom Managing Director, he made efforts to streamline power supply management and address consumer issues.

Senior officers, including Superintendent of Police Adduru Srinivasulu and District Health and Family Welfare Officer Sharanabasappa Kyatanal, visited the hospital soon after receiving information.



Residents raise concern as pollution turns Doddagubbi lake toxic

According to locals, the lake has been steadily degrading over the past several months, with the water turning a murky green owing to suspected sewage inflow from nearby residential buildings

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Residents of Doddagubbi in East Bengaluru have raised serious concerns over the deteriorating condition of the Doddagubbi lake, claiming that increasing pollution is killing fish and birds in the waterbody.

According to locals, the lake has been steadily degrading over the past several months, with the water turning a murky green owing to suspected sewage inflow from nearby residential buildings. A resident, who wished to remain anonymous, said the situation had become alarming in recent days. "For the last several months, the lake has been polluted, but now it has become much worse. The water has turned completely green, and over the past few days, we have been seeing birds and fish dying because of this pollution. It is heartbreaking to watch a lake that was once so beautiful turn into this," the resident said.

Situated off Hennur Road, the Doddagubbi lake was once considered a vital ecological space. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Situated off Hennur Road, the Doddagubbi lake was once considered a vital ecological space. Residents now fear that unchecked pollution will lead to further ecological damage if authorities do not intervene soon. Another resident said they have already lodged complaints regarding the issue with the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) but are yet to approach other local authorities. They added that despite repeated alerts, no visible action had been taken so far.

Meanwhile, officials from the local gram panchayat said they had not yet received any formal complaints about pollution in the lake. "We will take necessary action if any such issue is brought to our notice," an official said.

Two constables suspended after being held for robbery

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

This comes after a constable was held for his involvement in the ATM cash van robbery

Two constables attached to the J.P. Nagar police station have been arrested for allegedly robbing a 59-year-old insurance adviser and his female friend.

Both have now been suspended, taking the total number of suspended police personnel in the city this year to 127, officials said. This comes close on the heels of a police constable being arrested for his involved in the ATM cash van robbery case.

The duo identified as Basavaraj and Gurudutt, who were on night rounds, confronted Varadaraju B.N., while he was parking his car near BSNL compound area in J.P. Nagar and chatting with his female friend around 9.45 p.m. on November 1.

According to the complainant, his friend had come to seek insurance advice while he was returning home from work. The duo met and were sitting in the parked car and discussing, when the constables confronted them on the pretext of inquiry.

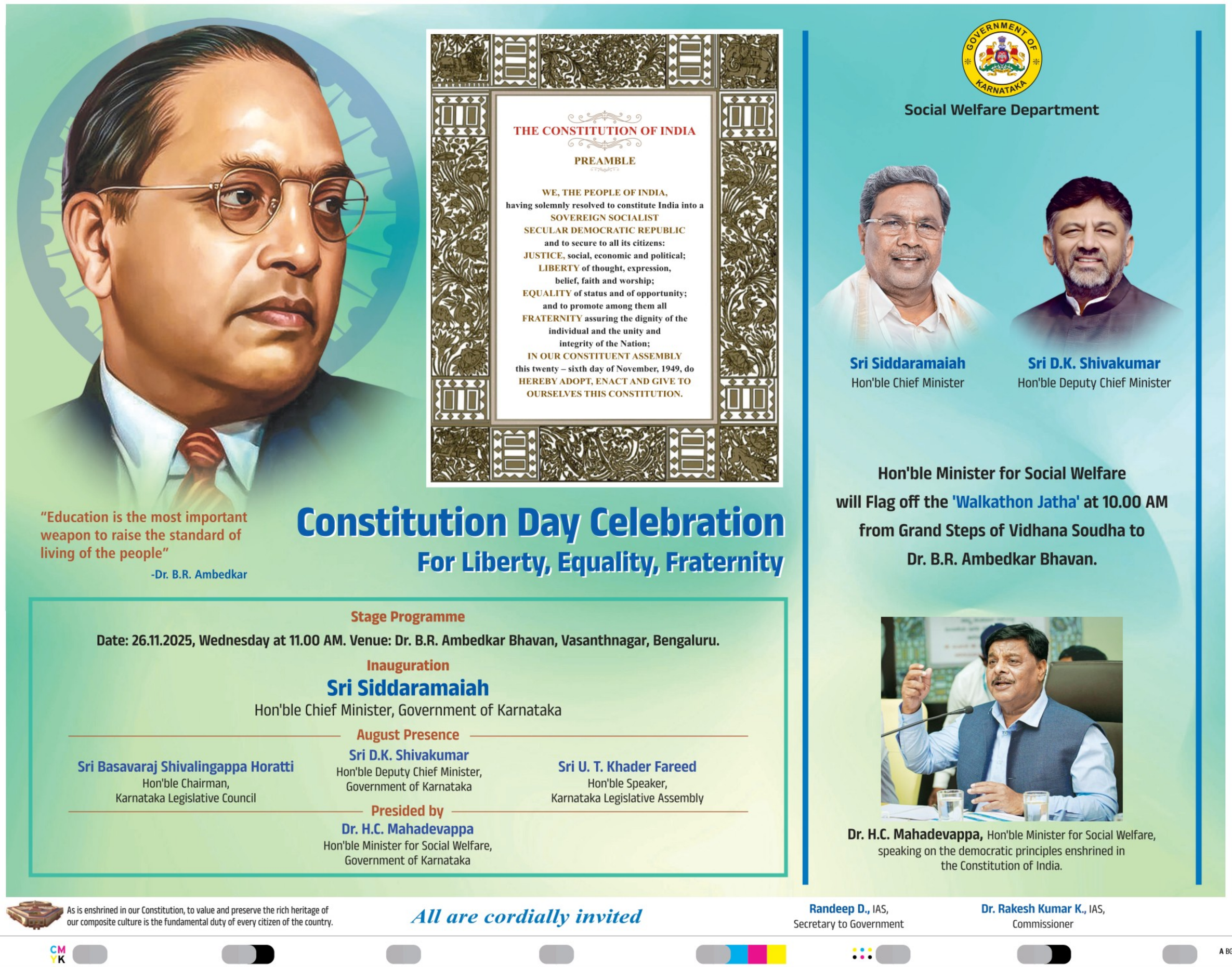
The duo said that there was a case pending against him and one of them got into the car asking him to come to the station for arrest formality.

While Varadaraju started driving, the constable asked him to stop and demanded ₹40,000 to drop the charges. He threatened to seize the car and book the duo if they failed to pay. Varadaraju convinced him that he did not have enough cash and managed to pay him only ₹10,300 after borrowing ₹4,000 from is female friend. After taking the money the duo left. Varadaraju brought this to the notice of his friend, a senior police officer who advised him to file a complaint. After four days of the incident, the victim filed a complaint based on which the J.P. Nagar police registered a case of extortion and initiated a probe.

A detailed probe led to the arrest of Basavaraj and Gurudutt who were released on bail later. Based on the report, Police Commissioner Seemant Kumar Singh suspended the duo pending inquiry.

127 suspended

According to the data, a total of 127 Bengaluru police personnel have been suspended across various ranks in 2025 till date. This includes 10 inspectors, 16 sub-inspectors, 16 assistant sub-inspectors, 41 head constables, and 41 police constables.



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NEWS IN NUMBERS

Loans approved for road connectivity in Maharashtra

400 In $ million. The loan approved by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) will be used to improve road connectivity in 34 districts, particularly in the Marathwada and Vidarbha regions, linking rural communities to healthcare, education, and other essential services. PTI

Solar capacity installed by China in the month of October

12.6 gigawatts (GW). China installed 12.6 GW of new solar capacity in October, 30% more than the previous month, National Energy Administration (NEA) statistics showed, as installations continued to recover from a mid-year drop-off. REUTERS

Number of buildings that have installed anti-smog guns

149 A total of 149 buildings across Delhi have installed anti-smog guns ahead of the November 29 deadline, officials said on Tuesday. These include offices, hotels, commercial complexes, malls, hospitals and other government and private establishments. PTI

The cost of investment proposals received by Chhattisgarh

6,826 In ₹ crore. Chhattisgarh has received industrial investment proposals to the tune of ₹6,321 crore and ₹505 crore, for the development of the tourism sector, which are expected to generate over 3,000 employment opportunities. PTI

Civilians killed in Lebanon by Israeli strikes since ceasefire

127 The UN human rights office said on Tuesday that at least 127 civilians had been killed in Lebanon in strikes by the Israeli military since a ceasefire nearly a year ago, and called for an investigation and for the truce to be respected. REUTERS

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What does the draft Seeds Bill entail?

Why has the seed industry been demanding a reform of the Seeds Act of 1966? What are the punishments prescribed for flouting provisions under the Bill? Why are farmers' groups worried about the new draft Bill? What will be the roles of the Central and State Seed Committees?

EXPLAINER

A. M. Jigeesh

The story so far:

The Union Agriculture Ministry released the draft Seeds Bill on November 12, and has invited public comments on it till December 11. The Seeds Bill, seen as a regulatory step to ensure quality of seeds sold and distributed to farmers, promotes "ease of doing business" and reduces compliance burden, while maintaining strong provisions to penalise serious violations, as per the government. The government has been open about its intention to amend the Seeds Act of 1966 and the Seeds (Control) Order of 1983.

What has been the history?

According to the Union Agriculture Ministry, in 2023-24, the country had an overall requirement of 462.31 lakh quintals of seeds for various crops with availability being 508.60 lakh quintals, which then led to a surplus of 46.29 lakh quintals of seeds.

The seed industry has been demanding that the 1966 Act should be amended to accommodate technological and scientific advancements in the sphere of seeds and to address the changes in trade and commerce over the last six decades. In their initial response, the Federation of Seed Industry of India Chairman Ajai Rana said the release of the draft is a timely and much-needed step toward modernising India's seed regulatory framework. However, the Samyukt Kisan Morcha, an umbrella body of farmers, said they will continue to oppose moves to bring amendments in the Bill that are "anti-farmer".

What are the new provisions?

The Bill provides a regulatory mechanism in the area of import, production and supply of quality seeds. The Bill does not restrict the right of the farmer to grow, sow, re-sow, save, use, exchange, share or sell his farm seeds, except when he sells such seed or planting material under a brand name. The Bill defines farmer, dealer, distributor and producer as separate entities that deal with the production, distribution, trade and use of seeds. It also provides for the establishment of 27-member Central and 15-member State seed committees. The Central seed committee can recommend the minimum limits of germination, genetic and physical purity, traits, seed health and additional standards of seeds to the Union Government. The State Seed Committee can advise the State Government on registration of seed producers, seed processing units, seed dealers, distributors and plant nurseries.

New reforms: Women farmers sow maize seeds in a field, in Morigaon on November 10. PTI

Under the Bill, it is mandatory that all seed processing units must be registered with the State governments based on the provisions in the proposed legislation. The Bill, however, adds that to promote ease of doing business, the Union government may establish a merit based and transparent Central Accreditation System for companies operating in multiple States.

The Bill suggests the creation of the office of Registrar to keep a National Register on seed varieties under the Central seed committee. The procedure for conducting field trials to assess the Value for Cultivation and Use of any kind or variety is also detailed in the draft Bill.

The Bill also has provisions for the establishment of Central and State seed testing laboratories, where analysis of seed of any kind or variety shall be carried out in the prescribed manner. The Bill also explains the role and powers of seed inspectors, an officer with powers under the provisions of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita to search or seize. The Bill details the punishment for trivial, minor and major offences for flouting provisions under the Bill. The punishment ranges from a fine of ₹50,000 to ₹30 lakh and up to three years of imprisonment.

What are changes from 2019 draft?

One of the major changes is in the section of offences and punishments. In the previous draft, the offences were covered under consumer protection laws and the penalty ranged between ₹25,000 and ₹5 lakh and an imprisonment up to one year. There are substantial changes with respect to this section in the new draft.

On farmers' rights, the new draft links the matter with the Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers Rights Act. On quality norms, the standards have been tightened. The new Bill looks at the import of seeds in a more liberal way.

What are the concerns of farmers?

The All India Kisan Sabha, a constituent of the Samyukt Kisan Morcha, said the Bill is poised to increase cost of cultivation by allowing corporates to indulge in the predatory pricing of seeds. They doubt the Bill is part of a larger political project of the RSS-BJP to dispossess small farmers and surrender the country's seed sovereignty to a handful of multinational and domestic monopolies.

They demanded that the new draft must complement, not conflict with, the progressive legal safeguards already established under the Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers Right Act of 2001, and India's international commitments under the Convention on Biological Diversity and the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture. The Kisan Sabha pointed out that the draft Seeds Bill introduces a heavily centralised and corporatised regulatory system that risks weakening farmer-centered protection and diluting India's legal architecture for biodiversity conservation and farmers' rights.

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What is the row over selecting Head of Police Force in T.N.?

What are the Supreme Court's guidelines on appointing a Director-General of Police/Head of Police Force?

S. Vijay Kumar

The story so far:

Tamil Nadu has found itself in the middle of a controversy over the appointment of a regular Director-General of Police/Head of Police Force (DGP/HoPF). For the first time in recent years, the State was unable to appoint a regular police chief in time to succeed the outgoing DGP. G. Venkatraman, a 1994-batch IPS officer ranked sixth in seniority, has been appointed as the in-charge DGP.

What has the government said?

Although the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) had finalised a panel of three senior DGP-rank officers from the list forwarded by the State, the Tamil Nadu government rejected the panel, stating that the shortlisted officers were "not acceptable". Tamil Nadu Law Minister S. Regupathy issued a statement accusing the Centre and the UPSC of disregarding the State's views and selecting officers of their choice. Meanwhile, two contempt petitions have been filed against Chief Secretary N. Muruganandam for allegedly violating the Supreme Court's guidelines.

What are the SC guidelines?

In *Prakash Singh versus Union of India* (2006), the Supreme Court laid down detailed guidelines for the selection of State DGPs/HoPF. The Court mandated that, "The DGP of the State shall be selected by the State Government from amongst the three seniormost officers of the department who have been empanelled for promotion to that rank by the UPSC, on the basis of their length of service, very good record, and range of experience for heading the police force." It further ruled that the selected officer must be granted a minimum tenure of two years, irrespective of their date of superannuation. State governments are required to send proposals to the UPSC at least three months before the anticipated vacancy of the DGP, outlining the eligible officers to be considered for the post. However, Tamil Nadu did not follow this timeline. The then incumbent DGP, Shankar Jiwal, retired on August 30, 2025, which meant the State should have forwarded its list by June. Instead, the proposal was submitted to the UPSC only on August 29, 2025.

What is the contempt plea about?

After advocate Henri Tiphagne moved the top Court alleging that the State Government had committed contempt by appointing an in-charge DGP, the Chief Secretary informed the Court that a regular appointment was delayed because one of the eligible officers had approached the Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT) seeking inclusion of his name in the panel. The CAT dismissed his application on April 30, 2025. While disposing of the contempt plea, a Bench headed by the Chief Justice of India requested the UPSC to consider the matter "expeditiously" and directed that, once the UPSC's recommendations were received, the State Government must take steps "forthwith" to appoint a DGP.

Following this direction, the UPSC convened an Empanelment Committee Meeting on September 26, 2025, with the Tamil Nadu Chief Secretary. It emerged through reliable sources that the State had withdrawn the integrity certificate of one officer and expressed its unwillingness to empanel three other officers for undisclosed reasons. Despite this, the UPSC shortlisted the senior-most DGP-rank officers, and forwarded its recommendations to the State. However, Tamil Nadu raised objections by writing to the UPSC to express its concerns about the inclusion of officers it deemed "unacceptable" and indicating a preference for another meeting. The UPSC responded swiftly, stating that its earlier decision would stand.

What is the current status?

Petitioner Kishore Krishnaswamy filed a case against the State, alleging wilful contempt for appointing an in-charge DGP and withholding the appointment of a candidate from the panel of three IPS officers. The top Court has sought the State's response within three weeks.

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Harriers arrive to shrinking grasslands

Shilpa Elizabeth
BENGALURU

A file photo of a Pallid Harrier. Harriers, winged migrants from Central Asia, have started visiting India, flying about 5,000 km in search of grasslands.

About a week back, in mid-November, researchers at Bengaluru-based ATREE were alerted to data transmitted from a small 9.5 gm transmitter connected to the back of a bird. The Pallid Harrier, geo-tagged by them, has reached its roosting ground in Tirunelveli, all the way from Kazakhstan.

Harriers, winged migrants from Central Asia, have started visiting India, flying about 5,000 km in search of grasslands.

The Harrier Watch Project, a long-term project founded by researchers T. Ganesh and Prashanth M.B., has been monitoring the six harrier species that arrive in India in winter, with the aim of monitoring the raptors and their grassland habitats and assessing the impact of loss of grasslands on the species.

"Did you know Madiwala lake was a roosting site for Western Marsh Harriers?" asks Arjun Kannan, a PhD student who works with the project, citing a study published in 2010 by Ashok Verma.

Among the winter visitors to India are Western Marsh Harriers, Montagu's Harrier, Pallid Harrier, Hen Harrier, Pied Harrier, and Eastern Marsh Harriers. Unlike many other birds, they roost on the ground among tall grasses and therefore make grasslands their habitats.

Starting in 2016, the ATREE team has so far tagged about 20 harriers-eight Pallid Harriers and 12 Montagu's Harriers-from roosting sites in Tal Chhapar in Rajasthan, Nannaj in Maharashtra, and Tirunelveli in Tamil Nadu.

Around the Himalayas

The birds, which breed in Central Asia, come to the Indian sub-continent in winter. Owing to physiological reasons, they don't cross over the Himalayas, but fly around it.

This detour migration which takes about 25 days means an additional flight path of 1,500 km approximately, compared to crossing over the Himalayas. By March, they start flying to Central Asia again, crossing Pakistan, Afghanistan, Uzbekistan, and Tajikistan to reach Kazakhstan.

"Interestingly, the birds, en route to India, stop over for a few days at the Thar desert bordering India and Pakistan. They don't do the same while flying back to Kazakhstan. We think it is because when they fly to India, it is just after the monsoon, and therefore, there'll be a lot of lush green grass available. It could also be that the birds are fatigued more as they are flying post-breeding," said Mr. Kannan.

Declining numbers

The project data shows that the number of harriers has been consistently declining in the roosting sites, while some of the roosting sites have simply ceased to exist, thanks to the change in land use patterns.

"Madiwala used to be a roosting site. Hesaraghatta is another important one. In comparison to the 80 to 90 harriers that once used to be spotted there, we saw only eight there the other day. In the place where the roosts were, a lot of trees have been planted in the last few years. Given that there is only a small patch remaining for grazing, there is also the problem of over-grazing. Most of the grass is very short now," said Mr. Kannan.

During the project, the researchers also observed that the loss of grassland cover was affecting the home range sizes of the harriers, forcing them to move around more in search of prey and suitable habitat.

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E-Open Tender Notice No: S/RWP/E/2025-26/14, Dated: 22.11.2025. Principal Chief Materials Manager/Rail Wheel Plant, Bela for and on behalf of the **President of India** invites **online "e-Open Tender"**, through Indian Railways E-Procurement Website **www.ireps.gov.in** for supply of following Stores item at RWP/Bela. The closing time of all tenders is 14.00 hrs. **SN. 1. Tender No. : 01255298**, **Short Description of item :** Lifting Tackle Stand for Wheels, **Quantity :** 2000 Nos., **Date of Tender Closing/Opening :** 15.12.2025 at 14.00 Hrs. **1.** Website address, on which full tender details can be seen and downloaded from, is **www.ireps.gov.in**. **2.** The prospective firms/bidders submitting bid are advised to remain in touch with the above website for updates including **Addendum/Corrigendum/Cancellation** with respect to the above tender.

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Place: Bengaluru Dated: 26th November 2025

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our client proposes to purchase property from **Smt. S S Veena** w/o Sri K S Suresh, residing at Sri Shivakrupa, 7th Cross, 28th Division, Post Office Road, 2nd Block, Someshwara Extension, Doddaballapura, Bangalore Rural, Karnataka 561203 and from **Sri Lokesha K C,** s/o Late Chandrasekhariah K V, residing at Doddaballapura Taluk, VTC: Gowdahalli, PO: Doddatumkur, Sub District Doddaballapur, District: Bangalore Rural, Karnataka 561203. Any person(s) having any right or interest in the Schedule Property or having any objection to the Sale may contact the undersigned within 10 days of this publication with supporting documents, along with documentary proof, failing which the transaction will be proceeded with.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of lands in (1) Sy. No. 16/7 measuring 22.12 gunthas and the property is bounded on the East by Lokesha K C's Land, West by K V Rudrappa's Land, North by STRR Service Road and South by Girijamma's Land; and (2) Sy. No. 16/14 measuring 12.12 gunthas and the property is bounded on the East by Vijay Kumar K C's Land, West by S S Veena's Land, North by STRR Service Road and South by Girijamma's Land.

Sreevatsa Associates, Advocates
50, 2nd Stage, Indiranagar,
Bangalore-560038;
Tel. No. (080) 25252898

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client intends to purchase the property shown in the schedule below from Mr. Thomas Markose, S/o. Mr. C.T. Markose Residing at No.80/9, Kelachandra Lane, Near Pride Regalia Apartment, Dodamma Layout, Hulimavu, Bangalore - 560076.

Any person(s) having any claims or rights over the schedule property or having any valid and tenable objections to the proposal of my client to purchase the schedule property from Mr. Thomas Markose, S/o. Mr. C.T. Markose may lodge his/their claims/rights or objections, if any with the undersigned within 15 (fifteen) days from the date of publication of this notice.

Please note that if no valid objections or claims are received within the said period, my client shall proceed with the transactions and no claims/objections received thereafter will be entertained nor will it bind my client.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the residential immovable property bearing Unit No. 1721, Embassy Grove, situated at Embassy Grove, Rustum Bagh Main Road, Kodihalli, near Manipal Hospital, Bengaluru - 560017.

SIDDHARTH SUMAN, Advocate
No. 206, 80 Feet Road, 6th Cross,
RMV 2nd Stage, 2nd Block, Bangalore-94.
Bangalore, Date : 25.11.2025

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HERE BY GIVEN THAT, our client has negotiated and agreed to purchase the schedule property from its owner. All persons having any claims against the schedule property or any part thereof or hereby required to submit the same in writing along with documentary proof to the undersigned at their office within 10 days from the date of publication hereof, failing which our client shall proceed without any refence to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

SHEDULE PROPERY

All the piece and parcel of the land bearing site No. 23, measuring 1200 sq-feet, situated in Krishna Garden In-city Layout, under BBMP Katha No. 117, and carved out of the Converted land comprised in Sy. No 43/1, situated at Kammanahalli Village, Begur Hobali, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore Urban District.

East by: Site No. 22., **West by:** Site No.24., **North by:** Road., **South by:** Site No. 28

Sd/- Kavitha S, Advocate
SK Law Chamber,
No.274 Milestone Layout Haragadde,
Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk,
Bangalore-560105
+91-9035550778/9880773133

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are informed that our client intends to purchase the building premises bearing **No. 199,** bearing BBMP E-Aasthi Katha No 199 bearing New **PID No. 82-24-199,** measuring East to West **80 Feet** and North to South **50 Feet**, totally measuring **371.6136 Sq.metrs or 4000 Square Feet**, situated at **Binnamangala II Stage Extension, Bangalore,** and bounded on the:

East by : Road;
West by : Site No 240;
North by : Site No 200;
South by : Site No.198.

from its owners **Mr. J. Roshan Louis and Mr. Marshan John Louis** both sons of Mr. J. John Louis Persons having any right over the said property may lodge their objections / claims with documentary evidence within **5 days** from the date of this publication, to the undersigned.

K. V. Narendra & Associates, Advocates and Legal Consultants,
No.557, 2nd Floor, 9th A Main,
Indiranagar, Bangalore - 560038.
Ph: 99451 09229, 9448212853

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **Mrs. Rama Ramaswamy**, is desirous of purchasing property bearing Municipal No. 26, (New PID No. 074-W0089-1 and Old PID No.16-3-26), measuring 2,400 square feet, situated at 1st Stage, BEML HBCS Layout, Bangalore-560079, formed in Survey Nos.28/3, 32 and 33 of Saneguruvanahalli Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore, together with a residential house constructed thereon having a built up area of 943 square feet along with a garage having built up area of 170 square feet, belonging to Mr. Athavale Bhalchandra.

Any person/s having claim on the schedule property may contact the undersigned **within 15 days** from the date of this public notice with supporting documents of their claim. In the absence of any claim or objection my client Mrs. Rama Ramaswamy may proceed with the purchase of the schedule property.

SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property, Municipal No. 26, (New PID No. 074-W0089-1 and Old PID No.16-3-26), E-Khata EPID No.3556167068, Ward No.74-Shakthi Ganapathi Nagar, measuring 2,400 square feet, situated at 1st Stage, BEML HBCS Layout, Bangalore-560079, formed in Survey Nos.28/3, 32 and 33 of Saneguruvanahalli Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore, together with a residential house constructed thereon having a built up area of 943 square feet along with a garage having built up area of 170 square feet and bounded as follows; **East by:** Road; **West by:** Property bearing No.23; **North by:** Property bearing No.25 and **South by:** Property bearing No.27.

G. SHASHI KUMARI, Advocate
No.1874, 2nd Floor, South End C Cross,
Jayanagar, 9th Bock, Bengaluru - 560041
Email: advshashiblr@gmail.com
Mob: 9739295888

E-TENDER NOTICE SAI

Sports Authority of India, NSSC, Bangalore invites e-tender for following works: -

1. SAI/NSSC/ENGG/NIT-08/2025-26 for **SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF ACRYLIC SPORTS SURFACE IN TENNIS COURT (2 NOS) WITH ALLIED WORKS AT SAI, NSSC, BANGALORE** for more details please visit E-Tender website **http://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app, https://sportsauthorityofindia.nic.in & http://www.saisouth-bangalore.com.**

The Last date of Submission of E-Tender is 08.10.2025 up to 16.00 hrs.

Sd/-, Deputy Director-Infra

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Client has agreed to purchase the **'Schedule Property',** from its Owner **Smt. G. Prabhavathi W/o Sri. Nagaraj,** residing at No. 26, 6th main, 10th cross, Vasanthappa Block, Bangalore- 560 032.

Any Person/s, Societies, Association/s, Government Authorities, Financial institution/s, Banks, Judicial authorities asserting any rights, title, interest or claim in the Schedule Property or any part thereof in any manner or having any claim/s against the Schedule Property or any documents thereof or objecting to such Sale/Transfer in favour of my Client, should write or contact me within **14 days** from the date of issuance of this Public Notice, with all documentary proof on which they are basing and asserting their rights with regard to the Schedule Property or any part thereof, after which period, my Client shall proceed on the basis that there are no claims of whatsoever nature with regard to the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the vacant Site bearing **No. 24,** Corporation No. 25 (twenty five), **E- Aasthi PID No. 6474562394,** in **6th Cross, Vasanthappa block, Gangenahalli,** presently known as Ganganagar Ward no.20, old Corporation Division No. 46, Bengaluru, and Site measuring East to West **30 (thirty) feet,** and North to South **45 (forty five), feet**, or **13.71X9.14 meters,** in all **125.30 Sq Meters or 1350 Sq feet,** bounded by:

North by : Road.
South by : Site No. 46.
East by : Site No. 23.
West by : Site No. 25.

For NAYARKODI ASSOCIATES,
Dhiraj Nayarkodi, Advocate
#62, 5th main, AECS Layout, Sanjaynagar main road, Bangalore-560094.
Branch Office : at 7th floor, High Point IV, Palace Road, Bangalore
Ph: 23411958, Mob: 9886755278, email : nayarkodiassociates@gmail.com

Date : 25-11-2025 Place : Bangalore

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

OPEN TENDER NOTICE NO. 27/SBC/25 of 14-11-2025

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites E-Tenders for the following works:

Sl.	Description of work	Approx Value
1	**Bengaluru Division: (SBC) -** Permanent Way Maintenance contract for two years in SSE/P.Way/Bengaluru Section.	Rs. 5,44,80,188/-
2	**Bengaluru Division: (WFD) -** Permanent Way Maintenance contract for two years in SSE/P.Way/Whitefield Section.	Rs. 6,22,30,640/-
3	**Bengaluru Division: (BWT) -** Permanent Way Maintenance contract for two years in SSE/P.Way/Bangarpet Section.	Rs. 4,37,33,001/-
4	**Bengaluru Division: (KPN) -** Permanent Way Maintenance contract for two years in SSE/P.Way/Kuppam Section.	Rs. 4,96,68,240/-
5	**Bengaluru Division: (KQZ) -** Permanent Way Maintenance contract for two years in SSE/P.Way/Kolar Section.	Rs. 5,66,31,732/-
6	**Bengaluru Division: (MYA) -** Permanent Way Maintenance contract for two years in SSE/P.Way/Mandya Section.	Rs. 5,09,70,880/-
7	**Bengaluru Division: (KGI) -** Permanent Way Maintenance contract for two years in SSE/P.Way/Kengeri Section.	Rs. 4,46,87,498/-
8	**Sub Work - I: KSR Bengaluru -** Proposed improvements to various amenities in Nandi Club. **Sub Work - II**: Bengaluru - Yeliyur section: Provision of rest rooms for SMs at Hanakere (HNK), Settihalli (SET), Hejjala (HJL) and Nayandahalli (NYH) stations in Bengaluru-Yeliyur section. Maintenance period is 6 months or one monsoon period whichever is later. (Composite Tender)	Rs. 1,04,43,685/-
9	**Bengaluru Division:** Provision of water cooler at KSR Bengaluru (SBC) - 14 Nos, Yelahanka (YNK) - 9 Nos, Bidadi (BID) - 1 No, Champion (CHU) -1 No, Coromandel (COL) - 1 No. and Oorgaum (OGM) -1 No. (Total - 27 Nos.). Maintenance period is 6 months or one monsoon period whichever is later	Rs. 31,87,663/-

Last date for submission of bids:**Upto 15:00 Hrs. on 10-12-2025**

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

Senior Divisional Engineer /Co-Ordination Bengaluru
PUB/665/AAF/PRB/SWR/2025-26

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SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites E-Tenders for the following work:

E-Tender Notice No.Y/E.29/2025-26/62 Dated: 13-11-2025

Description of work	Approx. Value
AMC for Air Conditioners over Mysuru Division for a period of 3 years.	Rs. 29,22,739.44

Last date for submission of bids:
Upto 11:00 Hrs. on 04-12-2025

E-Tender Notice No.Y/E.29/2025-26/63 Dated: 13-11-2025

Description of work	Approx. Value
Hassan - Managaluru section: Replacement of existing shallow type girder in bridge No. 473 (1x7.310 m) at KM 129/000-100 with RCC box of size 1x7.50 m x 4.650 m between Kaniuru - Narimogaru stations (Rolling/Launching method).	Rs. 23,79,725.25

Last date for submission of bids:
Upto 11:00 Hrs. on 04-12-2025

E-Tender Notice No.Y/E.29/2025-26/64 Dated: 13-11-2025

Description of work	Approx. Value
(Re-tender) Provision of additional four portal lights for freight train examination for Road 4 & 5 at Sakleshpur yard.	Rs. 15,35,806.00

Last date for submission of bids:
Upto 11:00 Hrs. on 05-12-2025

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer General / Mysuru
PUB/669/AAF/PRB/SWR/2025-26

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SARAKKI LAYOUT BRANCH
No. 57, 1st Main Road, Sarakki Industrial Area, Opp. Mini Forest, J.P. Nagar, 3rd Phase, Bangalore - 560078. Email: ubin0903523@unionbankofindia.bank

DEMAND NOTICE ISSUED UNDER SEC.13(2) OF SARFAESI ACT

Borrower/s:
Mrs. UMA KIRAN, No. 83, 14th Cross, 11th Main, HSR Layout, Sector-6, Near BDA Complex, Bangalore South - 560102. Mobile: 8660154273

Notice under section 13(2) of Act of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

You the addressee **Mrs. Uma Kiran** herein have availed the following credit facilities from our Sarakki Layout Branch and failed to pay the dues/ instalment/ interest/ operate the accounts satisfactorily and hence, in terms of the RBI guidelines as to the income Recognition and prudential norms, your account/s has/have been classified as Non-performing Asset as on 11-11-2025 As on 17-11-2025, a sum of Rs.1,04,97,181.93/- (Rupees One Crore Four Lakhs Ninety Seven Thousand One Hundred and Eighty One and Ninety Three Paise only) is outstanding in your account/s.

The particulars of amount due to the Bank from No. 1 of your in respect of the aforesaid account/s are as under:

Facility & Account Number	Outstanding amount as on 17-11-2025	Un Recovered interest	Total dues as on 17-11-2025 (in Rs.)
Housing Loan 035226650000017	Rs. 1,03,01,819.93	Rs. 1,95,362.00	Rs. 1,04,97,181.93

To secure the repayment of the monies due or the monies that may become due to the Bank, you have executed documents on **13-04-2013** and created security interest by way of mortgage of immovable property described herein below.

DESCRIPTION OF THE SECURED ASSET/s

All that part and parcel of the immovable residential property bearing site No. 12, katha No. 68, Assessment No. 6/1, situated at ALAHALLI Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, within the limit of BBMP, ward No. 196, Bangalore. Measuring: East to West: 65-0 Feet; North to South: 37-0 Feet, Totally measuring: 2405 Sq. Feet and bounded on the: **East by:** Private Property; **West by:** 30 Feet Road; **North:** Site No. 11; **South by:** Site No. 13.

Therefore you are hereby called upon in terms of Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, to pay a sum of Rs.1,04,97,181.93/- (Rupees One Crore Four Lakhs Ninety Seven Thousand One Hundred and Eighty One and Ninety Three Paise only) together with further interest and charges at the contractual rate as per the terms and conditions of loan documents executed by you and discharge the liabilities in full within 60 days from the date of receipt of this notice, failing which, we shall be constrained to enforce the aforesaid securities by exercising any or all of the rights given under the said Act.

As per section 13(13) of the Act, on receipt of this notice you are restrained prevented from disposing of or dealing with the above securities without the consent of the bank.

Your attention is invited to provisions of sub-section(8) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Date: 26.11.2025 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place: Bangalore **Union Bank of India**

Government of India
MINISTRY OF FINANCE
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - I KARNATAKA
4th Floor, Telephone House, Raj Bhavan Road, Bengaluru - 560 001.

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DEMAND NOTICE

NOTICE UNDER SECTIONS 25 TO 28 OF THE RECOVERY DEBTS & BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1993 AND RULES 2 OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961 as amended

RC / 375 / 2024 **04-01-2025**

PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK
Versus
SMT. ANITHA BAI

In the Matter of
(CH-1) - Punjab National Bank
Sadashivanagar Branch, No. 380, Kamakshi Court, 13th Cross, Sadashivanagar, Bengaluru - 560 080. **... Applicant(s)**

--- Versus ---

To,
(CD-1) Smt. Anitha Bai W/o. Srinivasa Rao
Residing At : No. 746, 4th Cross, Triveni Road, Divanarapalya, Gokula, Bengaluru North, Yeshwanthpur, Bengaluru - 560 022.
(CD-2) Sri. Manohar Rao S/o. Late Vithal Road,
Residing at : No. 988, 4th Cross, NGO Colony, Kamalanagar, Basaveshwaranagar, Bengaluru - 560 079.
(CD-3) Sri. Anantha Rao Jadhav S/o. Sri Lakshmana Rao,
Residing At : No. 824/7, 6th D Cross, 3rd Main, Prakash Nagar, Bengaluru - 560 021. **... Defendant(s)**

Sr. No.	CH Name	Int. Type / Mode	Int. Rate	Effective Date	Order Date	Amount	Interest as on Order Date	RC Amount	Remark
1.	Punjab National Bank	Compound Interest (Monthly)	10	26.06.2018	31.08.2023	4901013	0	4901013	Rate of Interest with penal Interest @ 2% p.a.

This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the **Presiding Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal, Bengaluru (DRT-1) in OA/1131/2018** an amount of **Rs. 4901013 (Rupees Forty Nine Lakhs One Thousand Thirteen Only)** along with cost, expenses and future interest @ 10% p.a. Compound Interest Monthly **w.e.f. 26-06-2018** till realization and cost of **Rs. 85805 (Rupees Eighty Five Thousands Eight Hundred Five Only)** has become due against you (Jointly and Severally / Fully / Limited)

Sr. No.	CD Name	Loan Type	Int Type / Mode	Int. Rate	Effective Date	Order Date	Liability Type	RC Amount
1.	Smt. Anitha Bai	Home Loan	Compound Interest Monthly	10	26.06.2018	31.08.2023	Jointly and Severally	4901013
2.	Sri Manohar Rao	Home Loan	Compound Interest Monthly	10	26.06.2018	31.08.2023	Jointly and Severally	4901013
2.	Sri Anantha Rao Jadhav	Home Loan	Compound Interest Monthly	10	26.06.2018	31.08.2023	Jointly and Severally	4901013

2. You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within 15 days of the receipts of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts & Bankruptcy Act, 1993 and Rules there under.

3. You hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of yours assets on or before the next date of hearing.

4. You. are hereby ordered to appear before the undersigned on **12-02-2025 at 10.30 a.m.** for further proceedings.

5. In addition to the sum of aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay :

(a) Such interests as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate / execution proceedings.

(b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processes and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this date **04th January 2025.**

Sd/- (Sanjiv Kumar)
Recovery Officer - I, DRT-1, Bengaluru

THE HINDU IN SCHOOL PRESENTS SCHOOL BUZZ

A Newspaper exclusively curated for School Students

STUDENT OUTREACH PROGRAMME

Ryan International School – ICSE, Yelahanka organised an outreach initiative inspired by the Chairman's vision of environmental stewardship and philanthropy. Student Council members visited SPARSH Hospital, where they planted saplings to promote hope, renewal and environmental responsibility. At CYTE CARE Hospital, they presented handmade Thank You cards to doctors in appreciation of their dedicated service and offered Get Well Soon cards to cancer patients to uplift their spirits. Marking Children's Day, the visit strengthened students' values of empathy, service and care for the environment, while positively impacting the community.

ANNUAL DAY CELEBRATED

Rashtriya Military School Bengaluru held their Annual Day celebrations with distinguished alumnus Mr. Deepak Varma presiding over the opening ceremony, where outstanding cadets were felicitated. Cdt. Aditya Aryan was named Best Cadet, Cdt. Manish won Best Student, and School Captain Cdt. Krishna Rathore received the leadership award. Hon'ble Mr Justice Pradeep Singh Yerur later attended as Chief Guest, praising the School's values after presenting major trophies. Lt. Col. K Anup Nair, Principal, highlighted achievements in academics, sports and national rankings, followed by a vibrant cultural showcase and a Science and Robotics exhibition.

DISTRICT THROW BALL FINALS

St Joseph's Indian Composite PU College hosted the Taluk and District Level Throw Ball Tournament for Boys, organised by the Department of School Education (Pre-University), Bangalore North District, along with the Department of Physical Education and Sports. The event, featuring 31 teams, was inaugurated by Mr. Muralidhar M, who encouraged participants with an inspiring address. The closing ceremony was attended by Dr. Girish C Gola and Fr. Cyril Menezes SJ, who stressed the value of sports in student growth. St Joseph's Indian Composite PU College emerged champions, with Reva PU College finishing runners-up.

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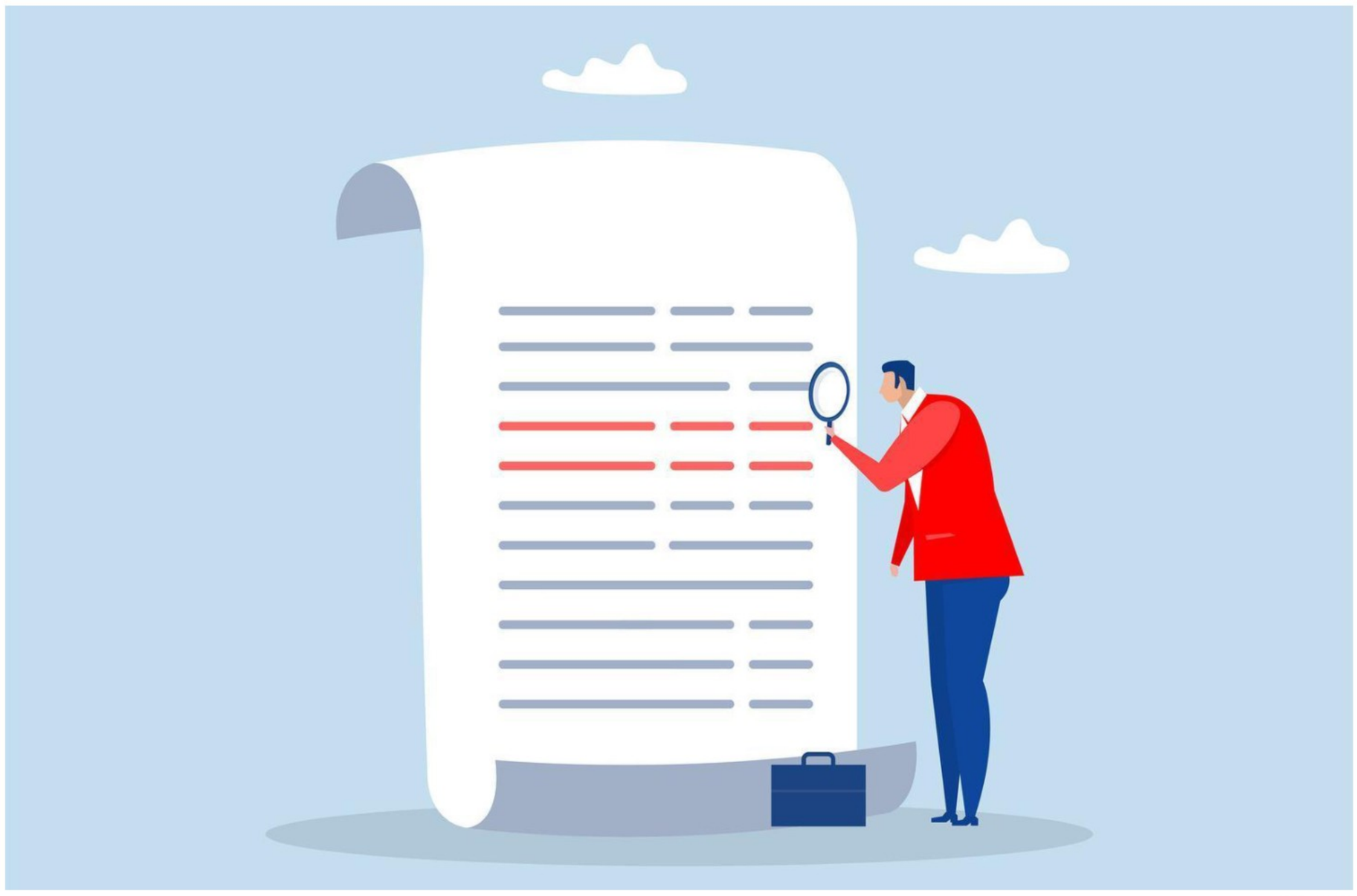


GETTY IMAGES

Publish or perish: making sense of India's research fraud epidemic

India's higher education sector faces a research fraud crisis due to a 'publish or perish' culture. Faculties prioritise publications over teaching, undermining academic integrity and neglecting the needs of the student population

Pushkar

Research fraud is a global problem and has become worse due to the growing use of Artificial Intelligence (AI). The problem is even more acute in India's higher education sector where both the number of journal publications and retractions are growing rapidly. However, journal retractions do not capture the scope of research fraud since it is impossible to know the exact number of fraudulent publications that escape notice.

Publishing over teaching

Most observers blame the 'publish or perish' culture for India's research fraud epidemic. However, a prior issue is the preference that the University Grants Commission (UGC) and Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) give to publishing – which is different from research – at the expense of teaching for faculty members to advance their careers. This institutional bias drives a preference among faculty members to publish papers and is rewarded by promotions and other benefits at the workplace, whereas there are no significant incentives for better teaching.

The rationale to privilege publishing over teaching comes from two main considerations. The first stems from national and global university rankings, which have become ubiquitous and are considered to be of great value by the government, the HEIs themselves, and by students. These rankings reward publications but not teaching. HEIs are therefore incentivised to insist that their faculty publish. For private universities, the number of students they admit every year matters a great deal, and achieving higher rankings than their competitors is seen as necessary to attract more and better students. Public institutions do not want to be left behind either.

The second consideration is the widespread belief that faculty members conducting research improves teaching and hence student learning outcomes. However, the evidence does not quite support this belief.

The voluminous research on the research-teaching link has examined a diverse set of issues including the specific mechanisms at work, the fuzziness and diversity of the multiple variables used to understand the relationship, and both quantitative and qualitative research. However, there is no broad consensus that the relationship between them is significant or even that there is one. If there is some sort of soft consensus, it is that the context often matters.

Both these considerations likely contributed to the UGC's decision to introduce the Academic Performance Indicator (API) in 2010 as part of the Career Advancement Scheme (CAS) for faculty members' promotions. The API established a clear bias for publications in assessing faculty members. Despite several amendments over the years, there has been no fundamental change to the API in terms of the emphasis on publications. The 2025 UGC draft regulations for the appointment and promotion of teachers in order to maintain academic standards, it claims, will reduce focus on quantifiable metrics such as publications. But for now, the publishing madness remains ascendant.

A return to teaching

If we turn to context, there are at least two reasons that render the emphasis on research questionable, on ethical and practical grounds.

First, the faculty members at all types of HEIs are expected to publish – whether at colleges devoted to undergraduate teaching, universities that are teaching-cum-research institutions, and specialised research centres which typically run only PhD programmes. There is no thought given to context: whether the university or college has the necessary physical infrastructure (libraries and laboratories for example), human capital (research-capable faculty members), academic environment (a sufficient population of postgraduate students and academics in specific disciplines), sufficient research funding, and a fair or even reasonable balance between the teaching, research, and administrative responsibilities of faculty members. Most HEIs fall short on many of these parameters. Without considering these issues, the emphasis on research and publishing is meaningless.

The outcome is eventually predictable. Given the limitations of most HEIs, the idea of 'publish or perish' is taken quite literally. Rather than carry out actual research, faculty members and even students churn out fraudulent papers for their HEIs to secure university rankings and for them to secure individual benefits. And publishers monetarily benefit from these publications and also participate in the scam.

Second, 80% of students at India's HEIs are undergraduates who need better teachers rather than competent researchers. Given that the research-teaching link is dubious and that most HEIs do not have the necessary research capabilities, it should follow that those teaching at undergraduate institutions should focus on teaching.

In the end, it appears that the only logic to prefer research over teaching is to help HEIs attain university rankings and to help faculty members secure individual gains, both of which are the main drivers of research fraud, and neither of which contributes in any way to India's knowledge sector.

Pushkar is director at The International Centre Goa. Views are personal.

THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

Test your knowledge of the making of the Indian Republic with this challenging quiz on the adoption of the Constitution on November 26, 1949

Prathmesh Kher

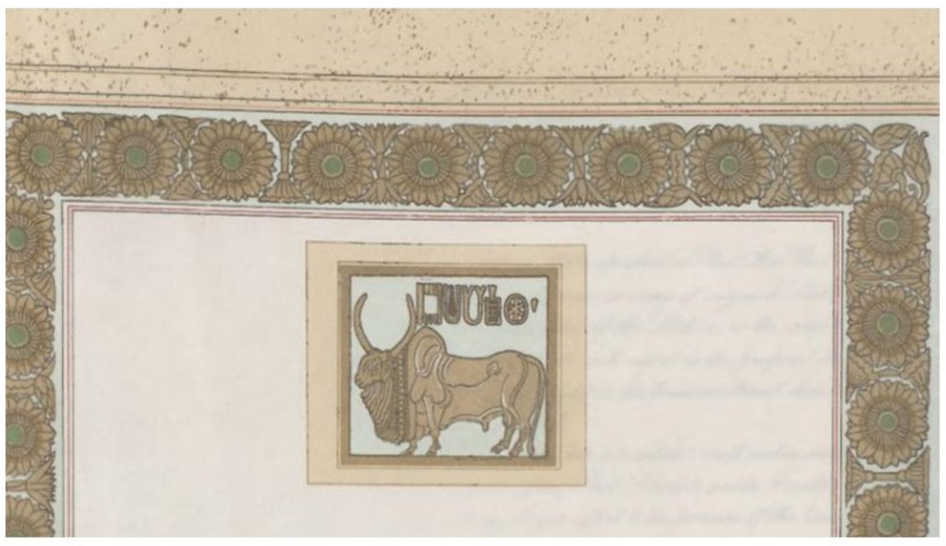
QUESTION 1
On which date did the Constituent Assembly first meet before finally adopting the Constitution on November 26, 1949?

QUESTION 2
Who was the President of the Constituent Assembly when the Constitution was adopted?

QUESTION 3
How many members signed the handwritten original of the Constitution of India?

QUESTION 4
How long did the Constituent Assembly take, in total, to draft and adopt the Constitution?

QUESTION 5
Why is January 26, 1950 significant in relation to the Constitution rather than November 26?



Visual question:
Identify the image and its location in the original Constitution.

Questions and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. Dharmendra was fondly called this. **Ans: He-Man**
2. This 1962 Hindi war-drama film proved to be a major critical and commercial success for Dharmendra. **Ans: *Haqeeqat***
3. In this film in 1971, Dharmendra played a supporting role. **Ans: *Mera Naam Joker***
4. This song from *Blackmail* featuring Dharmendra and Rakhee was a chartbuster. **Ans: 'Pal Pal Dil Ke Paas'**
5. This actor remarked, "Whenever I get to meet with God Almighty, I will set before him my only complaint — why did you not make me as handsome as Dharmendra". **Ans: Dilip Kumar**
Visual. Identify this film and the song. **Ans: *Sholay*, Yeh Dosthi Hum Nahi Todenge**
Early Birds: Lalchand Bhutani| Prashansa Lohumi| Sulochana Yadav| Saurabh Sinha| Anjani Kumar Srivastava

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

S. Upendran

"Did you show your father the marks that you got in Physics?"

"I had to. My teacher asked me to get the test paper signed by him."

"Did your father go ballistic after reading your answers?"

"Did he what?"

"B...a...l...l...i...s...t..i...c. that 'a' in the first syllable is like the 'a' in 'about'. The..."

"...like the 'a' in 'about'! What happened to the 'a' in 'China'?"

"Nothing! I thought you might be getting bored with the 'China' example. Anyway the second syllable rhymes with the words 'mist' and 'fist'. And the ic..."

"...I think I know how 'ic' is pronounced. The main stress is on the second syllable 'lis', I suppose?"

"You're right! The word is pronounced 'baLLIStic'. Do you know what the word means?"

"Does it mean 'to get angry'?"

"Not just angry, extremely angry. When you go 'ballistic' you lose your temper. For example, when the union members threatened to go on strike, our Chairman went ballistic."

"My uncle went ballistic when someone accused him of being a liar.'"

"That's a good example. My boss goes ballistic whenever he doesn't get his afternoon tea on time."

"There are a few people like that in my family too! I go ballistic whenever someone drops a catch off my bowling."

"That will make your fielders even more nervous! By the way, the word 'ballistic' is usually used in very informal contexts.''

"I see! What should we do about the garbage problem?"

"Nothing! We'll let it ride for the time being."

"Let it ride? On what is the garbage..."

"...when you 'let something ride', you let it remain as it is."

"In other words, you ignore it completely?"

"Not completely. You ignore it for a while. Here's an example. Don't worry about making the arrangements for the party right now. Let it ride for another three or four days."

"Sometimes we let things ride for a week. Our politicians are famous for letting things ride for years."

"Only when it comes to other people's problems. Sometimes I don't agree with what my boss says. But I let it ride."

"Your plan isn't the best plan. But I'll let it ride for now. Can I say that?"

"Certainly! Here's another example. My scooter has been giving me problems. But it's not anything serious. I'm going to let it ride for a while."

"You're happy with that old scooter of yours, aren't you?"

"I certainly am. I really lucked out!"

"Lucked out! What does it mean? You got lucky?"

"That's right! When you 'luck out' you get lucky. It's a slang expression."

"So it's used in very informal contexts, I guess..."

"Right! I really lucked out yesterday. I won Rs. 500 in the lottery."

"Why don't you take me out then?"

"No chance!"

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Word of the day

Effulgence:
the quality of being bright and sending out rays of light

Synonyms: radiance, refulgence, shine

Usage: *The new singer's effulgence shone through the crowd.*

Pronunciation: newsth.live/effulgencepro

International Phonetic Alphabet: /ɪˈfʌl.ʤəns/

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RISE	11:12 SET 22:55
THURSDAY, NOV. 27	
RISE	06:24 SET 17:51
RISE	11:53 SET 23:47
FRIDAY, NOV. 28	
RISE	06:24 SET 17:51
RISE	12:33 SET 00:00

Bengaluru Weather	max	min
Tumakuru	29	23
Mysuru	29	19
Bengaluru	27	20

Bengaluru Today
28°C The weather will be mostly dry. Day will be comfortable. Night will be slight cool.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
29°C Morning will be slight cool. Day will be slight warm. Night also will be slight cool. Dry weather to prevail.

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Passengers struggle to find cabs at KIA

Drivers point to several reasons in the shortfall of vehicles, including long distances, toll charges, fuel cost, and high commission charged by ride-hailing companies

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Several travellers reported that Uber and Ola pick-up points, usually bustling with activity, are now marked by uncertainty and frustration. FILE PHOTO

Passengers travelling to and from Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) are increasingly finding it difficult to hire cabs, with long queues becoming a routine sight at cab aggregator pick-up zones.

Many commuters say the shortage of ride-hailing vehicles has worsened over the past few months, leaving flyers waiting for extended periods after landing.

Several travellers reported that Uber and Ola pick-up points, usually bustling with activity, are now marked by uncertainty and frustration. Other app-based cab services too appear to have limited vehicles available at the airport, compounding the problem.

Meena Roy, a passenger who recently flew from Bengaluru to New Delhi, said her experience was unusually stressful. "I waited over 45 minutes to find a cab at the Ola-Uber pick-up zone. Earlier, it was not like this. We could get a cab within 10 minutes. Now, the uncertainty has made things very stressful. Most other aggregators also don't seem to have enough cabs at the airport," she said.

More airport buses

Another flyer, Prashanth N., who landed from Mumbai on Sunday at 4 p.m, said: "There were no cabs at all when I reached the pick-up zone. I waited for nearly an hour before I finally managed to get a ride. This is the situation at one of the country's busiest airports. The Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation should increase the number of airport buses so people can rely on them both to reach the airport and to travel to the city from the airport," he said.

The KIA handled 41.88 million passengers in the last financial year, making it one of India's busiest aviation hubs. Given its considerable distance of over 35 km from the city's Central Business District, dependable last-mile connectivity is crucial. However, frequent flyers say the reality on the ground is worsening by the day.

"The airport is already far from the city centre, and the cab situation makes it worse. The problem has escalated in the last few months. The pick-up zone queues are long, and there's no certainty the drivers will accept the ride," said Ravindra Kumar, a resident of Whitefield and a frequent flyer.

Several reasons

Cab drivers point to several reasons behind the shortfall in vehicles at the airport, including long distances, toll charges, fuel costs, and high commissions charged by ride-hailing companies. Many say airport trips are no longer financially sustainable.

Pavan Kumar, a cab driver who has been working with app-based platforms for seven years, said: "Airport trips take a lot of time, and after paying tolls and commissions, the earnings don't match the effort. Many drivers avoid the airport because it's simply not worth it anymore. Unless fare structures are revised, the shortage will continue."

Multiple cab aggregators were contacted for their response, but they did not respond.

2027 Census: House-listing process begins in J.P. Park ward

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A pilot exercise to test a new mobile application developed for the 2027 Census is under way in J.P. Park ward under the North Corporation.

Testing app features

The house-listing process, scheduled to be completed across the country in 2026, began in select locations to assess the app's accuracy, usability, and field-readiness.

J.P. Park is one of three sites chosen in Karnataka for the trial run. The exercise, being carried out under the supervision of Corporation Commissioner Pommala Sunil Kumar, began on November 10 and will continue until November 30.

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A total of 83 enumerators, 16 supervisors, and one charge officer have been deployed for the ward-level operation.

Enumerators are visiting every household in their allotted blocks, collecting required details digitally and verifying entries. Senior officials, Assistant Directors Jeetendra Sharma and Aakash Devra from the Office of the Registrar General and Census Commissioner, visited the ward on Tuesday to review progress.

They examined the methodology, the functioning of the app, and the coordination between field staff and residents.

Ghati Subramanya temple to receive ₹29 cr. for development works

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Minister for Transport and Muzrai Ramalinga Reddy announced on Tuesday that the Muzrai Department has granted administrative approval for development projects worth ₹29 crore under the Shri Ghati Subramanya Kshetra Development Authority in Doddaballapur.

The development plan includes several major works aimed at improving facilities and enhancing the infrastructure around the temple.

The largest among them will be the construction of a new Dasoha Bhavana at an estimated cost of ₹16 crore. Other approved works include concrete road development at a cost of ₹1.96 crore, development of Ratha Beedi at ₹3.53 crore.

Mr. Reddy also announced that the Shri Ghati Subramanyeshwara Swamy Brahmarathotsava for 2025-26 will be held on December 25.

GBA Chief directs officials to finish Hebbal flyover loop work in 15 days

The Hindu Bureau
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Greater Bengaluru Authority Chief Commissioner M. Maheshwar Rao during an inspection of the new Hebbal flyover loop in Bengaluru on Tuesday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) Chief Commissioner M. Maheshwar Rao on Tuesday directed the Bengaluru Development Authority (BDA) to complete the construction of the new traffic loop at Hebbal within 15 days and open it for public use.

During an inspection of several areas under the North Corporation limits, Mr. Rao said the BDA had already finished work on the new flyover loop bringing traffic from K.R. Puram and opened it to commuters. The loop that will connect this new structure to the existing Hebbal flyover is now under construction. Officials briefed the GBA Chief that the first girder had been installed and concrete work is under way. Mr. Rao instructed the team to install the remaining two girders at the earliest and finish all pending works on priority.

Mr. Rao pointed out that the footpath along Hebbal lake was damaged in many stretches and instructed officials to repair it and ensure it remains pedestrian-friendly.

One carriageway of the Hebbal flyover has already been milled and re-asphalted, with the Commissioner directing officials to mill the remaining stretch and complete its asphalting without delay.

He also inspected asphalting work across RMV 2nd stage and Basaveshwara Layout, particularly the roads connecting arterial and sub-arterial networks.

Reviewing the ongoing works at Nagawara junction, Mr. Rao was informed that BWSSB needs to lay a 600 to 700-mm sanitary pipeline for 1 km from Ibis Hotel to the Nagawara rajakaluve (storm-water drain). The North Traffic Division has granted permission, while approval from the Eastern Traffic Division is pending. BWSSB said it would begin the work from the northern side.

BDA proposes new flyover

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BENGALURU

To allow vehicles coming from the Outer Ring Road-K.R. Puram side (Manyata Tech Park Road) to merge directly onto Ballari Road near Esteem Mall without entering the Hebbal junction, the BDA has proposed a 1.4-km flyover.

Officials said discussions with various departments are under way, and steps will be taken to implement the project at the earliest.

This proposal comes against the backdrop of the State government's larger decongestion plan for the Hebbal corridor. Earlier this August, Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar had announced a 1.5-km tunnel between Nagawara and the University of Agricultural Sciences. At the time, he had said the tunnel and the loop were part of a series of short tunnel roads and flyovers aimed at easing traffic.

Driver killed as lorry plunges into lake

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A 37-year-old lorry driver died after he lost control of his vehicle and it plunged into the Bidaraguppe lake in Attibele on Monday night.

The deceased has been identified as Mahesh, a native of Kalaburagi and an employee of a logistics company. The police said he was transporting crushed stones in the lorry and was passing along a narrow road close to the lake when the incident occurred.

The body has been sent for post-mortem.

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Lokayukta seizes assets worth ₹35 cr. from officials

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Lokayukta police registered disproportionate assets (DA) cases against 10 State government officials and raided 47 premises linked to them in Bengaluru City, Mysuru, Davanagere, Mandya, Bidar, Haveri, Dharwad, Gadag, Kodagu, and Shivamogga districts on Tuesday.

The details of raids are as follows: Krishnamurthy P., Office Superintendent, Electronic City RTO, BTM Layout, Bengaluru, ₹4.2 crore; Ramaswamy C., Revenue Inspector, Hootagalli Municipality, Mysuru, ₹2.77 crore; Prabhu J., Assistant Director, APMC, Davangere, ₹2.49 crore; Puttaswamy C., Chief Administrative Officer, Municipality Office, Mandya, ₹4.3 crore; Prem Singh, Chief Engineer, KBJNL, Canal-1, Yadgir, ₹4.07 crore; Shekappa Sannappa Mattikatti, Executive Engineer, DUDC, Haveri, ₹5.36 crore; Sathish Ramanna Kattimani, Senior Veterinary Examiner, Gadag, ₹2.09 crore; and D.M. Girish, AEE, Public Works Department, Kodagu, ₹4.26 crore.

Raids against Subhashchandra Chandravva Natikar, associate professor, Sociology Department, Karnataka University, Dharwad, allegedly led to the discovery of assets worth ₹3.11 crore, even as raids against Lakshmipathi C.N., FDA, SIMS Medical College, Shivamogga, uncovered assets worth ₹2.49 crore, as per the release.

Party high command likely to summon CM, Dy. CM

Rahul Gandhi and Sonia Gandhi are expected to hold talks with both Siddaramaiah and Shivakumar to control the damage to the party and govt., say sources in the State Congress

POWER TUSSLE

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

As the dispute over power-sharing within Karnataka's ruling Congress continued, the party high command is expected to summon both Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar to New Delhi in the next few days to arrive at an amicable settlement.

Sources in the State Congress said Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi and former AICC chief Sonia Gandhi are expected to hold talks with both Mr. Siddaramaiah and Mr. Shivakumar on November 28 or 29 to control the damage to the party and the government.

The high command is expected to resolve the differences between two leaders before the winter session of the Parliament, which would commence on Monday (December 1), sources said.

The high command is expected to resolve the differences between two leaders before the winter session of Parliament. FILE PHOTO

Kharge's feedback

In the meantime, AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge is expected to provide feedback on the developments in the State to Mr. Gandhi. Mr. Kharge met the Chief Minister and the Deputy Chief Minister and collected views from both leaders.

Mr. Shivakumar, who had not met Mr. Kharge when the latter was in the city for the past few days, however, accompanied him to the airport on Tuesday as he left for the national capital. The KPCC chief has reportedly briefed political developments, including clarity from the party's top brass, to end the ongoing stalemate on power sharing.

Mr. Shivakumar is keen on Mr. Gandhi being reminded of the informal pact on "power-sharing" discussed during the formation of the government in May 2023, it is learnt.

Interestingly, Minister for IT-BT and Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Priyank Kharge is learnt to have called on Mr. Gandhi in Delhi and discussed developments.

Call by high command

On Tuesday, Mr. Siddaramaiah reiterated that the party high command would "ultimately take the decision to put a full stop" to this confusion Speaking to reporters, the Chief Minister said he would abide by the high command's decision.

To a question about a team of legislators backing Mr. Shivakumar travelling to Delhi, Mr. Siddaramaiah said, "Let them (legislators) go; MLAs have freedom. Let's see what opinion they give. Ultimately, the high command has to make the decision. We will abide by what the high command says."

On the Cabinet reshuffle, the Chief Minister said, "It will happen when the high command says." He also said that he has no plans to meet Congress's top leader, Rahul Gandhi, for now.

Meanwhile, loyalists of the Chief Minister, Housing Minister Zameer Ahmed Khan, MLAs Basavaraja Rayareddy and K.N. Rajanna, continued to issue statements that he would continue for the full five-year term. Mr. Khan also paid a visit to Mr. Shivakumar later in the day.

Some leaders, including Chief Minister loyalist S.T. Somashekhar, met the Deputy Chief Minister at a meeting of the Bengaluru District Central Co-operative Bank.

Siddaramaiah flags off KMF's ghee consignments to U.S., UAE, and Australia

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Expanding its overseas market, the Karnataka Milk Federation (KMF) on Tuesday formally began exports of Nandini ghee to the U.S., Australia and the UAE.

The consignments in this regard were officially flagged off by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah here.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister observed that the demand for KMF ghee was increasing globally.

The KMF has got orders for supplying its ghee to the tune of 8 tonnes from the UAE, 5 tonnes from the U.S., and one tonne from Australia, according to a statement issued by KMF Managing Director B. Shivaswamy. He said the KMF was presently exporting its premium products like UHT tetra pack milk, ghee, butter, cheese, dairy whitener, ice cream, flavoured milk, sweets, and savouries to Dubai, Qatar, Brunei, Maldives, and Singapore, which have a sizeable concentration of Kannadigas.

Efforts were being made to further expand the global reach of KMF, he said.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah flagging off Nandini ghee consignments in Bengaluru on Tuesday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Govt. announces cash prizes for members of national blind women's cricket team

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah with the World Cup-winning Indian blind women's cricket team at his Kaveri residence in Bengaluru on Tuesday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Tuesday announced a cash prize of ₹10 lakh each and government jobs for the members hailing from Karnataka who were part of the Indian team that won the Blind Women's T20 Cricket World Cup.

He made the announcement after felicitating the members of the victorious Indian team at his official residence in Bengaluru on Tuesday.

The Chief Minister also announced a cash reward of ₹2 lakh each for the players of the national team from other States.

Mr. Siddaramaiah hailed the captaincy of Deepika, who is from Sira in Karnataka.

The victorious team has three players from Karnataka, including the captain. Cricket Association for the Blind in India's chairperson Mahantesh G.K. also hails from Karnataka.

B. R. Patil challenges 272 signatories who wrote to Rahul Gandhi to come to Aland

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Aland Congress MLA B. R. Patil has responded to 272 former judges, diplomats and Army personnel, who had written to Rahul Gandhi alleging he was "defaming" Election Commission of India (ECI) with vote chori allegations, inviting them to Aland to verify the claims themselves.

A Special Investigation Team (SIT) is probing voter fraud in Aland where 5,994 votes were attempted to be deleted through fraudulent means, in February, 2023.

The Hindu had reported how the probe had been stonewalled with the EC not responding to investigators' requests for specific technical data.

"I was surprised and amused to read your open letter where you defended the Election Commission of India against all the serious evidence which shows that they are increasingly derelict in their duty," Mr. Patil said in his open letter addressed to 272 signatories of the letter to Mr. Gandhi.

B.R. Patil

He challenged the signatories to visit Aland and "face the people whose votes were almost stolen. See the evidence of organised deletion with your own eyes. Then explain to the victims and the rest of the country why you defended the system instead of defending the voter".

"What is one to make of this behaviour of inaction, blocking, denial, and cover-up? This is not appropriate behaviour for a fair and unbiased guardian of the election process. Your letter defends this partisan and constitutionally abhorrent behaviour. Rahul Gandhi did not create the doubts about the ECI that exist in people's hearts and minds, he has only exposed the fraud and placed this case before the nation," Mr. Patil said in his letter.

3-day international conference on watershed resilience

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Bengaluru is set to host global experts on watershed development for the next three days as Karnataka government's Watershed Development Department is organising an international conference on "Watershed Resilience: Integrating Science, Sustainability and Society" along with the World Bank and other agencies from November 26 to 28.

About 175 delegates, including watershed experts, policymakers, researchers and development practitioners, are participating in the conference that aims to strengthen the integration of science, policy and community action. The main intention of the conference is to contribute to national level projects such as PMKSY 3.0, enabling scale sustainable and climate-resilient watershed development practices in different watersheds of India and the world, according to organisers.

The conference, which will be inaugurated by Agriculture Minister N. Cheluvarayaswamy, is being jointly organised by the Department of Land Resources and the University of Agricultural Sciences-Bengaluru.

International experts such as Stanford Blade (ICRISAT), Giovanni Ruta (World Bank, East Asia & Pacific), Asim Biswas (University of Guelph, Canada), Gilles Boulet (Toulouse University, France) and Cheikh Amadou Tidiane Dia (World Bank, Congo) will share global best practices at the conference.

Uber proposes 'driver-cum-tourist guide' training initiative in State

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In a bid to create more employment opportunities for Karnataka's youth, Uber India has proposed a new skill development initiative that combines driving training with certified tourist-guide skills, according to a release from the office of Skill Development and Medical Education Minister Sharanprakash R. Patil.

The Karnataka Skill Development Corporation (KSDC) currently trains candidates in both light and heavy vehicle driving. Now Uber has proposed the "driver-cum-tourist guide" model to further enhance the earning potential.

At a meeting with Skill Development and Medical Education Minister in Bengaluru on Tuesday, Mike Orgill, head of Public Policy, Asia Pacific at Uber, observed that equipping drivers with tourism-related skills would significantly improve income prospects, especially for marginalised communities. "Karnataka has countless tourism destinations where a well-trained local cab driver can also serve as an effective tourist guide," Mr. Orgill said.

Dr. Patil welcomed the suggestion, stating that integrating soft skills into driver's training would be beneficial, and assured him that the proposal would be placed before the next board meeting.

Uber agreed to submit a proposal for a pilot next year and scale the initiative with the government's support.

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(राष्ट्रीय महत्व का संस्थान, गृह मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार)
National Forensic Science University
(An Institution of National Importance under Ministry of HomeAffairs, Government of India)

Admission Notification 2026-2027

The mode of admission for various programs at National Forensic Sciences University for the Academic Year 2026-27 will be based on the scores of the All-India Level/ National Level Admission Tests like CLAT, CAT, CUET, JEE, GATE, GPAT and others.
For the eligibility and national level test applicable for the respective programme, kindly visit: **www.nfsu.ac.in**

Sd/-
Executive Registrar

BENGALURU SOUTH CITY CORPORATION
Office of the Executive Engineer, Padmanabhanagara Division,
Opp. to Sagar Hospitals, Kumaraswamy Layout, Bengaluru-560078.

No: EE(PN)/TEND/11/2025-26 Date: 24-11-2025

TENDER CORRIGENDUM

Subject: Regarding the Corrigendum and Postponement of the Date of Pre Bid Meeting, Bid Submission and Opening of Tender as announced in the Tender Notification.

Reference: **Tender Notification No: EE(PN)/TEND/11/2025-26, Dated: 07-11-2025.**

With reference to the above Subject, the Date of Pre Bid Meeting, Bid Submission and Opening of Tender for the Package Work in the Tender Notification for which tender has been published as per the reference have been Amended and Postponed due to technical reasons as follows. There will be no change in anything else.

Sl. No.	Particulars	Modified Date as per Corrigendum
1	Date of Pre Bid Meeting	03-12-2025 at 3.00 PM.
2	Last Date for Submission of Bank Guarantee through EMD	09-12-2025 upto 5.30 PM.
3	Last Date for Contractors to Submit Bids for the Package Work Tender	09-12-2025 upto 4.00 PM.
4	Date of Opening of Tender	10-12-2025 at 4.05 PM.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Padmanabhanagara Division, BSCC.

earc **Encore Asset Reconstruction Company Private Limited (Encore ARC)**
acting in its capacity as the Trustee of EARC-Bank-032-Trust
Encore ARC Corporate Office Address: 5th Floor, Plot No. 137, Sector 44, Gurugram 122002, Haryana

Public Notice for e-Auction

e-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) & Rule 9 (1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (Rules).

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to Aditya Birla Finance Ltd. ("ABFL"). to secure dues in the loan account since assigned to Encore ARC (Secured Creditor) acting in its capacity as the Trustee of EARC-Bank-032-Trust (**"Secured Creditor"**), the Possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Aditya Birla Finance Limited (**"ABFL"**)., will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis on 31.12.2025 at 11:00 a.m., for recovery of Rs. 95,88,515.00 (Rupees Ninety Five Lakhs Eighty Eight Thousand Five Hundred and Fifteen Only) as on 31.10.2025 together with further interest from 01.11.2025 at contractual rate and other admissible costs and charges due to the Encore ARC (Secured Creditor) from Borrowers viz. **Mr Ramesh V, Ms Shanthala R and M/s. Trident Overseas Traders.**

The description of the mortgaged immovable properties, and the details of Reserve Price for the Secured Assets, Earnest Money Deposit & Minimum Increment Amount in Bidding Process are as under:

Item Sr No.	Name of Account	Description of Property	Reserve Price (In Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit (In Rs.)	Increment in Bidding Process (In Rs.)
1	Mr Ramesh V, Ms Shanthala R and M/s. Trident Overseas Traders.	All the piece and parcel of the property bearing BBMP Katha No.13, PID No.88 -121-13, Old No.247/2, Measuring East to West 30 ft and North to South 40 ft, in total measuring 1200 Sq. ft., Situated at 3rd cross, ex-chairman layout, Banaswadi, KR Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, currently under BBMP ward No.88, and bounded on: East by : private property, West by : Road, North by : Private property, South by : Road.	Rs. 1,20,00,000/- (Rupees One Crore Twenty Lakhs Only)	Rs. 12,00,000/- (Rupees Twelve Lakhs Only)	Rs. 50,000.00 (Rupees Fifty Thousand Only)

Date of Inspection of Secured Assets	05/12/2025 between 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Last Date of Submission of online Bid	Before 3.00 PM on 30/12/2025
Date & time of e-Auction	31/12/2025 at 11.00 AM to 1:00 PM with unlimited extensions of 5 minutes each as per Terms & Conditions mentioned below. Auction Website: https://bankeauctions.com

In case the e-Auction date is declared public holiday then the date will be automatically extended to the very next working day.

Since Encore ARC is acting in its capacity as Trustee of EARC-Bank-032-Trust only, any reference of its name in this Public Notice should be construed accordingly.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Encore ARC's website i.e. **https://www.encorearc.com and https://bankeauctions.com**

Interested bidders may contact Authorised officers of Encore ARC Mr B M Nagaraju 8384074164, Mr R Sureshkumar 98840 70098 and Mr. K.Nagendran Mobile No. 91762 91717, for any further information / query.

Date: 25.11.2025
Place: Chennai

B M Nagaraju
Authorised Officer
Encore Asset Reconstruction Company Private Limited

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INBRIEF

A.P. govt. unveils ₹40,000 cr. plan to boost horticulture

The Andhra Pradesh government plans to give a boost to horticulture in the Rayalaseema and Prakasam regions by investing ₹40,000 crore. Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Tuesday reviewed a comprehensive strategy aimed at raising farmer incomes and strengthening market infrastructure, with focus on utilising Purvodaya scheme funds for horticultural crops. The initiative aims to benefit nearly six lakh horticulture farmers.

CPI(M) requests A.P. govt. to form new tribal district

The Communist Party of India (Marxist) has urged the Andhra Pradesh government to form a new tribal district by bringing together the Chinturu, Rampachodavaram and Polavaram revenue divisions, citing the long-standing aspirations of local tribal communities. It also opposed the reported proposal to merge the Chinturu and Rampachodavaram divisions with East Godavari, pointing out that these areas are predominantly tribal.

BJP veteran quits party ahead of Kerala local body election

Shyamala S. Prabhu, six-time councillor of the BJP from the Cheralayi division of the Kochi Corporation, resigned from the party's primary membership on Tuesday. Her decision came close on the heels of her move to contest as an Independent after rebelling against the local leadership. "The decision is borne out of political morality since I am contesting as an Independent against the party candidate. I felt it was right to resign," Ms. Prabhu told *The Hindu*.

Prohibitory orders banning Kaneri seer from Dharwad set aside by Karnataka HC

The court has pointed that the DC did not issue notice to the petitioner-seer even though 96 hours was available to issue a notice to him as the DC received representation on October 30

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Reiterating stringent requirements in law for invoking prohibitory orders to bar a person from entering certain areas, the High Court of Karnataka on Tuesday quashed the Dharwad Deputy Commissioner's (DC) order prohibiting Sri Adrushya Kadeshwara Swami, seer of Kaneri Mutt, Kolhapur in Maharashtra, from entering Dharwad district between November 3, 2025 and January 3, 2026.

The prohibitory order was passed after Jagathika Lingayat Mahasabha, Dharwad district, gave representation to the DC for banning entry of the petitioner-seer to Dharwad district citing the ban imposed for his entry to Vijayapura district after the seer allegedly made some abusive remarks against a group of Lingayat seers. The High Court on October 17 had uphold the ban imposed by Vijayapura district DC on October 15 and the apex court did not interfere with High Court's order.

On analysing the judgments of the apex court and various High Courts on the similar prohibition orders issued by the authorities against various individuals, including political personalities and religious leaders from past many years across India based on the possibility of them making inflammatory speeches that could cause disturbance in the society, Justice Nagaprasanna pointed out that the Dharwad DC's order lacked many legal ingredients.

Pointing out that the power to issue prohibitory orders ex-parte can be exercised only on an emergent situation and on the basis of an apprehension in real time and not imaginary, the court pointed that the DC did not issue notice to the petitioner-seer even though 96 hours was available to issue a notice to him as the DC received representation on October 30.

Kerala Youth Cong. leader slams party MLA accused of sexual misconduct

The Hindu Bureau
KOCHI

Senior leaders are attempting to insulate the party from political embarrassment

The Congress has found itself in political quicksand following the resurfacing of details of alleged sexual misconduct involving Congress legislator Rahul Mamkootathil.

Though senior party leaders, including All India Congress Committee (AICC) general secretary K.C. Venugopal and Leader of the Opposition V.D. Satheesan, attempted to insulate the party, which is engaged in an all-out battle to ensure victory in the local body polls, from the political embarrassment caused by the recent revelations, many others in the organisation are worried about the possible fallout of the developments on the poll prospects and the United Democratic Front (UDF).

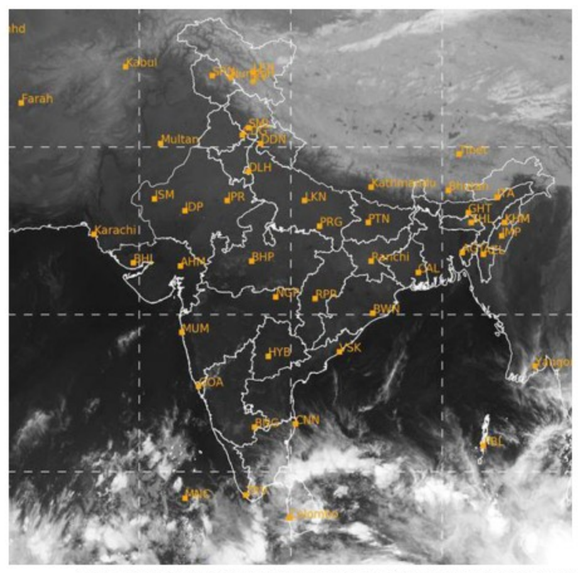
Meanwhile, Sajna B. Sajan, a Youth Congress leader, hit out at Mr. Mamkootathil and demanded that he resign from the organisation. Ms. Sajan said in her social media post that such "psychopaths be expelled from the organisation forever." She said this was not the time for Congress workers to deal with the allegations of sexual misconduct by its legislator.

Later, Ms. Sajan said the party workers, who were campaigning for the party candidates in the local body polls, needed to be saved from the humiliating situation of needing to respond to the allegations raised against Mr. Mamkoottathil.

A defiant Mr. Mamkoottathil earlier stated that he had not violated any laws and said he would cooperate with any investigation.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.15 HRS)

Forecast for Wednesday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, Kerala, Mahe and Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Thunderstorm with lightning likely at isolated places over Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Kerala. Fog likely at isolated pockets over Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram and Tripura

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	29.0	16.0	Kozhikode	—	33.0	25.4
Ahmedabad	—	30.6	18.3	Kurnool	—	32.4	21.2
Aizawl	—	27.8	11.4	Lucknow	—	25.6	11.9
Allahabad	—	27.6	10.8	Madurai	—	32.0	23.7
Bengaluru	—	26.8	18.8	Mangaluru	—	32.4	24.1
Bhopal	—	26.2	15.4	Mumbai	—	34.2	21.9
Bhubaneswar	—	28.6	16.6	Mysuru	—	29.0	19.0
Chandigarh	—	24.9	7.9	New Delhi	—	25.1	9.0
Chennai	—	30.6	26.2	Patna	—	26.1	15.7
Coimbatore	—	29.9	22.0	Port Blair	—	31.0	26.4
Dehradun	—	25.0	9.2	Puducherry	—	29.2	23.4
Gangtok	—	19.5	8.7	Pune	—	32.5	20.0
Goa	—	33.0	24.6	Raipur	—	29.0	16.8
Guwahati	—	27.8	15.4	Ranchi	—	23.6	11.1
Hubballi	—	30.0	17.0	Shillong	—	20.3	9.6
Hyderabad	—	28.8	18.2	Shimla	—	17.8	7.2
Imphal	—	25.6	15.9	Srinagar	—	13.9	-3.1
Jaipur	—	26.4	13.2	Thiruvananthapuram	1	32.4	23.8
Kochi	—	30.8	25.0	Tiruchi	—	30.3	23.0
Kohima	—	19.7	10.9	Vijayawada	—	30.5	22.6
Kolkata	—	27.4	17.2	Visakhapatnam	—	29.8	23.0

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.21	..52	27	... 278	...151	
Bengaluru	...9	..12	34	 64	...101	
Chennai	.15	..—	23	... 186	...117	
Delhi	.49	138	59	... 380	...365	
Hyderabad	...4	..26	99	... 160	...124	
Kolkata	.11	..18	25	... 311	...159	
Lucknow	.12	..43	97	... 240	...276	
Mumbai	.10	111	48	... 257	...162	
Pune	.10	..89	86	... 152	...148	
Visakhapatnam	.25	..22	17	... 279	...159	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Hapur, Uttar Pradesh recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 389 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Mangalore, Karnataka recorded a healthy AQI score of 23

Air Quality Code: Poor | Moderate | Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Prime Minister to hold road show in Udupi

The Hindu Bureau
MANGALURU

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will hold a road show from Bannanje Narayana Guru Circle to Kalsanka between 11.40 a.m. and noon during his visit to Udupi on Friday, said BJP district unit president Kuthyaru Naveen Shetty.

Mr. Shetty told reporters at Udupi that following the road show, Mr. Modi will enter the Sri Krishna Mutt complex through the Mutt parking area and Car Street to have a *darshan* of Lord Krishna. Later, he will join devotees in the mass Laksha Gita Parayana, organised by Paryaya Sri Puttige Mutt, and then address the public. He will leave Udupi at 1.45 p.m.

The BJP has urged those interested in attending the road show to be present by 10.30 a.m. on Friday.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public is hereby informed that our client intends to purchase the land in various survey numbers of Sy.no. 72/1, 72/2, 72/3, 73/1, 73/2, 73/3, 74/1, 76, 92, 94, 100, 110 located at Kesuvinamane Estate and Nilagiri Estate situated at Kesuvinamane Village and Meluhuluvati Village Jagara Hobli, Chikkamagalur Tq, Chikkamagaluru District known as Kesuvinamane Estate morefully mentioned in the schedule hereunder and hereinafter collectively called as '**Schedule Property**', from its present owners and accordingly an agreement to sell dated 10.11.2025 has been executed between Owners and our client. The details of the Schedule Property together with the name of the present owners are morefully set out in the **Schedule** here in below.

Any person/s having objection/s to the above mentioned transaction or any person/s claiming to have any manner of right, title, interest, claim or demand in relation to owner and/or the Schedule Property or any part thereof, may lodge his/her/their statement/s, objection/s and/or claim/s in writing, along with documentary evidence in support thereof, with the undersigned, within 15 (Fifteen) days from the date of publication of this notice. In the absence of any genuine and/or rightful objections and/or claims, our client will proceed to finalize and conclude the proposed transaction of purchase of the Schedule Property by way of an outright sale from the present owners, as if no claim/s or objection/s exist and that they have been consciously waived and abandoned by such person/s forever.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of lands measuring about total extent of 159 acres 9 Guntas, plus Karab Land of 17 acres 62 Guntas of land comprised in various survey numbers all located at Kesuvinamane Village and Meluhuluvati Village Jagara Hobli, Chikkamagalur Tq and details are as follows:

Sl. No.	Sy. No.	Net acres	Guntas	Karab Ac. Gts.	Village
1	72/1	13	27	1.34	Kesuvinamane, Jagara, Chikmagalur
2	72/2	12	25	2.00	Kesuvinamane, Jagara, Chikmagalur
3	72/3	30	4	0.6	Kesuvinamane, Jagara, Chikmagalur
4	73/1	8	36	5.11	Kesuvinamane, Jagara, Chikmagalur
5	73/2	7	29	0	Kesuvinamane, Jagara, Chikmagalur
6	73/3	17	15	1.23	Kesuvinamane, Jagara, Chikmagalur
7	74/1	17	0	1.21	Kesuvinamane, Jagara, Chikmagalur
8	76	11	35	5.00	Kesuvinamane, Jagara, Chikmagalur
9	92	5	0	0	Kesuvinamane, Jagara, Chikmagalur
10	94	18	25	1.15	Kesuvinamane, Jagara, Chikmagalur
11	100	5	0	0	Kesuvinamane, Jagara, Chikmagalur
12	110	12	0	0	Kesuvinamane, Jagara, Chikmagalur

Present Owners: The following individuals own this property Jointly
1. Mr. B.H. Narendra Pai S/o. Mr. Dayananda Pai Resident of "Ashirvad", Rathnagiri Road, Chikkamagaluru-577101
2. Mr. B.H. Jayanth Pai S/o. Mr. Dayananda Pai Resident of Esha Vasya Raghavendra Swamy Mutt Road, Basavanahalli, Chikkamagaluru,
3. Mr. B.H. Srikanth Pai S/o. Mr. Dayananda Pai Resident of Seetadayanand, Near Blind School, Kempanahalli Extension, Chikkamgaluru.,

For D & M ASSOCIATES
Address : Unit-404, A Wing, Queens Corner Apartment, No.3, Queens Road, Bangalore - 560051. Ph.No: 9886785913

Date: 25, November, 2025 **Place**: Bengaluru

Office of The Deputy Commissioner,
Chikkamagaluru District, Chikkamagaluru.
District Urban Development Cell, Chikkamagaluru
Email: ka.chikkamagaluru.dudc@gmail.com
Ph.: 08262-239010
No.: DUDCCK-ENGG0MISC/96/2025-ENG Date: 20.11.2025

Tender Notice

Tender is invited through e-procurement portal for appointment of 3rd Party Inspection Agency for Supervision/ Monitoring of the works under various schemes being implemented in urban local bodies under local area development schemes of MPs (Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha), MLAs and MLCs sanctioned for Chikkamagaluru District and works under various schemes being approved by the Hon'ble Deputy Commissioner. (INDENT NO. DMA/2025-26/SE6399) **(1)** Last date and time for submission of Tender in e-procurement: 04.12.2025 up to 17.00 Hrs. **(2)** Date of opening Technical Bid in e-procurement: 05.12.2025 at 17.10 Hrs. **(3)** Date of opening Financial Bid in e-procurement: 08.12.2025 at 11.00 Hrs.

For further information the Office can be contacted.

Sd/- Deputy Commissioner, Chikkamagaluru District, Chikkamagaluru.

DIPR/ckm/No.105/ksmca/25-26/1286

M.P. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES CORPORATION LTD.
MPPHSCL
(A Government of Madhya Pradesh Undertaking)
Oil Fed Building, 01, Arera Hills, Bhopal
URL : https://mpphscl.mp.gov.in, Phone : 0755-2578915
Dated : 25.11.2025

TENDER NOTICE

Tenders for following item/Services floated on **website and Portal from dated 24.11.2025 to next 30 days** :
1. Online Tender Ref. No. T-748/MPPHSCL/Various Equipment for CCB Unit Set-3/QC/2025 DATED: 20.11.2025 Uploaded on portal & Website.
2. Online Tender Ref. No. T-749/MPPHSCL/Various Equipment For CCB Unit Set-4/QC/2025 DATED: 20.11.2025 Uploaded on portal & Website.
3. Online Tender Ref. No. T-750/MPPHSCL/Various Equipment for CCB Unit Set-5/QC/2025 DATED: 20.11.2025 Uploaded on portal & Website.
4. Online Tender Ref. No. T-751/MPPHSCL/Various Equipment For CCB Unit Set-6 /RC/2025, Dated: 20.11.2025 Uploaded on portal & Website.
5. Online Tender Ref. No. T-752/MPPHSCL/Hospital furniture for CCB Unit Set-1/QC/2025 DATED: 21.11.2025 Uploaded on portal & Website.
6. Online Tender Ref. No. T-753/MPPHSCL/Portable Ultrasound For CCB Unit/QC/2025, Dated:. 21.11.2025 Uploaded on portal & Website.
7. Tender (s) for Hospital Furniture (CCB Unit Set-2)
8. Tender (s) for Various Equipment (CCB Unit Set-1)
9. Tender (s) for Various Equipment (CCB Unit Set-2)
10. Tender (s) for Neurosurgery department Equipments
11. Tender (s) for Psychiatry department Equipments
12. Tender (s) for Orthopedic department Equipments
13. Tender (s) for Barcode Scanner.
14. Tender (s) for Various Equipment.
15. Tender (s) for Various Drugs.
16. Tender (s) for Various Surgicals & Consumables.
17. Tender (s) for Various Ayush Consumables.

All Prospective bidders are requested to visit **"www.mptenders.gov.in./https://mpphscl.mp.gov.in, https://gem.gov.in"** for further details.
M.P. Madhyam/123204/2025 **CGM (Technical.II)**

BANGALORE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED
BESCOM
(Wholly Owned by Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
(CIN-U04010KA2002SGC030438)

TENDER NOTICE (Through KPP portal)

Enquiry No: BESCOM/GM(A&HR)/BC-50/2505/02/2025-26
Description: Tenders are invited from the reputed agencies for providing **Manpower Services to various offices of BESCOM** for a period of ONE year.
Date of Issue of Bid Documents: **26.11.2025** @ **16:00** Hrs.
Due Date for submission of Bid Document: **10.12.2025** upto **16:00** hrs.
Date of Opening of Bid Document: **11.12.2025** at **17:00** hrs.
The Tender documents can be obtained through e-procurement by visiting website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** All clarifications about e-payment contact e-procurement helpdesk.
For Tender related queries call: 080 22258788

For electricity related complaints Call: 1912
Download BESCOM Mithra Mobile APP

Sd/-
General Manager (A&HR)
Corporate Office, K.R.Circle.

SUVARNA AROGYA SURAKSHA TRUST
(Department of Health & Family Welfare)
Arogya Soudha, 7st Floor, Magadi Road, Bengaluru - 23
Ph: 080-22536200 e-mail: directorsast@gmail.com

No: HFW/SAST/ADM/50/2024-25 P-3 Date: 25.11.2025

WALK IN INTERVIEW FOR APPOINTMENT OF VARIOUS POSTS

Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust, under the aegis of Department of Health & Family Welfare is implementing Ayushman Bharath-Arogya Karnataka scheme and other Health Schemes. For the successful implementation of the Schemes, the Trust invites suitable candidates for **Walk-in-Interview for various posts on 05.12.2025.** The job entails work from office and field work. The selection will be made based on the roster and merit, in accordance with the Trust norms. The Contract period will be for 1 year, extendable based on every year performance appraisal. The details of posts, venue, date and time for Walk-in-Interview is as follows:

Posts:	1. Project Manager-IT, 2. Doctors - In Office Quality Cell, 3. Senior Executive Doctors, 4. Regional Consultant, 5. Assistant Regional Consultants, 6. District Coordinator, 7. IEC Consultant, 8. Doctor-Assistant Project Manager AB-Ark & Other Schemes. 9. Executive (Doctor)- Jyothi Sanjeevini Scheme & 2A Claims 10.Project Manager-KASS Scheme. 11.Team Leader-Doctor (Pre-auth)-KASS Scheme.
Walk-in-Interview Schedule:	**05.12.2025**
Time:	Registration : 10.30 AM to 12.30 PM. Computer Test : 10.45 AM to 01.30 PM. Interview : 02.30 PM to 05.00 PM.
Venue:	Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust, Meeting Hall,7th Floor, Arogya Soudha, Magadi Road, Bangalore-560023

For details of qualification required, application format and other details log on to website: **http://arogya.karnataka.gov.in/sast/**

DIPR/CP/4012/SA/2025-26

Sd/- Executive Director
Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust

CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, RANEBENNUR
District: Haveri Pin:581115 State:Karnataka

No/CMC/PWD/AMRUT 2.0/CR-13/2025-26 DATED: 21-11-2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(through e-procurement portal)

Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Ordinance 1999-2000 Act 2000 as per Standard Tender Document Rules under Restricted under **JAL-HI AMRUT** in Total **Rs.75.00** lakhs **Indent No. DMA/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT 51983 01 work** The undersigned invites tender through e- procurement portal from qualified contractors registered with Karnataka Public Works Department for the works in Two Cover format. In Annexure KW-3 A Eligible Contractors E-Procurement Website www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in can participate in the tender and publication details on the website of the municipal office **http// www.ranebennurcity.mrc.gov.in** Available in For more details information can be obtained from Municipal Council office hours and e-Procurement Assistant Phone No.: +91- 46010000 +91-8068948777.

Note: 1) In case of any change in the estimated amount, tendered amount mentioned before the above work, the tendered amount mentioned in the tender document will be final. 2) Any change in the following dates shall be noted in the e-procurement portal and no announcements shall be issued.

Last Date & Time for enquire for Tender : 01-12-2025 Time : 17.30
Last date and time for submission of tender : 06-12-2025 Time : 17.30
Technical Bid Tender Opening Date & Time : 08-12-2025 Time : 17.30
Financial Bid Tender Opening Date & Time : 10-12-2025 Time : 17.30
or after approval by competent authority

Sd/- **Municipal Commissioner**
City Municipal Council, Ranebennur

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ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಪಂಚಾಯತ್ ಧಾರವಾಡ
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Losing the plot

Air quality issue requires engagement with citizens, not intimidation

On November 24, the Delhi government confronted a small and peaceful crowd near India Gate, that had gathered to express its concern about the city's air quality index hovering near 400, with a heavy police presence. The question practically wrote itself: was the threat being managed here public safety or political embarrassment? Air quality in North India in winter is often discussed as a Delhi issue, yet monitoring stations have revealed a continuous zone of foul air from around Islamabad to Bihar. Emissions from industry, power generation, transport and agriculture circulate in this shared airshed. This is why the India Gate protests are politically significant. Delhi's middle class has usually responded with air purifiers, closed windows, vacations and private dissatisfaction – but apparently not anymore. And the state has responded by policing rather than engagement. Deploying Rapid Action Force units shows that the government treats these gatherings as a law-and-order rather than a governance problem. North India's winter smog is the most visible part of a wider national crisis. Long-term analyses of particulate pollution, such as the Air Quality Life Index, have shown that unsafe air is now the norm for most of India – and that present regulation, monitoring, and enforcement arrangements are insufficient across States and sectors. Treating the problem as a seasonal emergency, in the face of evidence pointing to a permanent condition demanding permanent institutions, has encouraged only bursts of action. The airshed is the primary unit of governance.

Today, authority is split among central ministries, State departments, municipal bodies and specialised regulators, each with partial jurisdiction and mixed incentives. The Commission for Air Quality Management was created to address this fragmentation and is empowered to direct emissions control, coordinate among States and agencies, and impose sanctions. Yet, its interventions have not matched the scale or persistence of the problem. Its task now is to use its mandate to require time-bound sectoral plans from governments and major emitters, track compliance through continuous monitoring, and ensure data is in public. Governments should also abandon technical quick fixes. These measures consume public funds and administrative bandwidth while leaving the main sources of emissions intact. The focus should be on interventions in power, industry, transport, construction and agriculture, with tighter norms and real enforcement, time-bound retirement or retrofitting of polluting plants, support for cleaner fuels and technologies and credible alternatives for farmers burning crop residue. These solutions will take time to manifest but only they will lead to lasting changes. And they need to be backed by a courageous political vision rather than heavy-handedness.

Drop shot in Sydney

Lakshya Sen's win also draws attention to the gaps in India's supply line of stars

For Indian badminton, 2025 has been a tough year. Successes have been fleeting, top players' form has undulated and serious questions have been asked of not just the established but also the young and upcoming. But for Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty's doubles bronze at the World Championships in Paris in August, there has been precious little. Against this backdrop, Lakshya Sen's triumph at the Australian Open on Sunday has come like a breath of fresh air. It was not the toughest of fields and the tournament – a BWF Super 500, third in the sport's hierarchy after Super 1000 and 750 – is not pedigreed. But it was no low-hanging fruit either, for Lakshya had to spend long hours on court, including in the come-from-behind semi-final victory over World No. 6 Chou Tien Chen. The title was the 24-year-old's first since the Syed Modi International Super 300 last December, and the first outside India since the Canada Open Super 500 in July 2023. Ever since the disappointment of losing the 2024 Paris Olympics bronze medal match from a dominant position, Lakshya has endured difficult times. Injuries and a spate of early exits – 11 in the first round this year alone – had sent him tumbling down. But a trophy in his last act of 2025 should give him the required fillip.

Whether this acts as a springboard for other Indians in 2026 remains to be seen. Apart from Satwiksairaj and Chirag, no other Indian is ranked in the top 10 of any badminton discipline. Since July 2022, P.V. Sindhu has just one Tour title to show – the Syed Modi International last December. H.S. Prannoy, who bagged a men's singles bronze at the 2023 Worlds and soared to No. 6, is now down to 35. Worryingly, the supply line of stars appears to have undergone a rupture. Ayush Shetty, 20, winning the U.S. Open Super 300, and Tanvi Sharma, 16, finishing with a silver medal in girls' singles at the World Junior Championships, are noteworthy achievements indeed. But no junior has stormed the scene and plugged the gap seamlessly like how Sindhu once did after Saina Nehwal. The Badminton Association of India appears to be mindful of this, as seen from the setting up of the National Centre of Excellence in Guwahati to train the next generation. India is also betting big on hosting international competitions of repute to burnish its credentials as an elite badminton nation. After the 2025 World Juniors in Guwahati, the 2026 World Championships is scheduled to be held in Delhi. If India can assemble a battery of medal challengers, it would be akin to a resurrection.

Trump-MbS summit — $1 trillion among friends

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As adrenaline-high at the Saudi-American Summit last week demonstrated, the 80-year-old bilateral alliance remains perhaps the oldest transactional deal still going strong. It predates the establishment of post-Second World War global architectures such as the United Nations, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and the Bretton Woods Institutions. It was conceived as a secret "oil-for-security" strategic partnership signed on Valentine's Day 1945 between U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt and King Abdul Aziz bin Abdul Rehman al-Saud on the *USS Quincy* in the Suez Canal Area. Originally intended to last 60 years, it was renewed in 2005.

Thanks to the exceptional amity between U.S. President Donald Trump and Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman (MbS), this arrangement is currently being reset to the new domains of strategic cooperation, with the potential to anchor bilateral, regional and global developments in a more consequential manner.

The trajectory of ties

During the past 80 years, U.S.-Saudi ties have not always had smooth sailing. First, thanks to shale technology, the U.S. has become the world's largest producer of crude and a significant exporter. While this has reduced the commercial content of the relationship, the U.S.'s exports have remained steady, leading to a decline in the bilateral merchandise trade and a balance swinging in America's favour. As Saudi Arabia's trading partner, the U.S. now ranks below China and India.

Historically, the ties came under strain during the Ramadan War of 1973, when Saudi Arabia joined an Arab oil embargo. In the mid-1980s, the Saudis surprised the Americans by buying intermediate-range ballistic missiles from China, a country they did not even recognise then. There have been tensions as the American military supplies were staunched during the Yemen war, affecting Saudi offensive and defensive capabilities against the Houthis.

The assassination of Jamal Khashoggi, a prominent Saudi commentator working with *The Washington Post*, in the Saudi consulate in Istanbul in October 2018 jolted ties, and the Biden presidency initially decided to keep MbS at arm's-length. The friction pushed the Saudis into diversifying their ties with China and Russia.

In December 2022, China's President Xi Jinping visited Riyadh and held three separate summits with the leaders of Saudi Arabia, Arab and Muslim countries, respectively. Later, Beijing also facilitated the resumption of diplomatic ties between Saudi Arabia and Iran. Since late 2023, the U.S. support for Israel's brutal military campaign in Gaza has also made it difficult for Riyadh to turn a new page in bilateral ties.

The Saudis have resisted U.S. pressure to formally recognise Israel, pre-conditioning it on the creation of a pathway to Palestinian statehood, which Israel has ruled out.

> The exceptional amity heralds new domains of strategic cooperation, with the potential to anchor bilateral, regional and global developments in a more consequential manner

New contours under the Trump presidency

There has been a positive sea change in bilateral ties since Mr. Trump took over the U.S. presidency this year. His first visit of his second term abroad was to Saudi Arabia in May 2025, where an agreement to supply $142 billion worth of military equipment was secured. The new contours of this new relationship were in evidence at the no-holds-barred state visit. It included a moving guard of honour, a fly-past, a private lunch and a 300-guest banquet, both hosted by Mr. Trump, who also attended the investment forum at which deals worth $270 billion were signed.

On his part, MbS readily agreed to raise the promised Saudi investments in the U.S. economy from $600 billion to $1 trillion without a fixed time frame. The amount is nearly as big as the country's GDP and the entire corpus of the Kingdom's Public Investment Fund (PIF), which already has 40% of its foreign investments in the U.S. economy. The groundbreaking Strategic Defence Agreement was signed, formally designating Saudi Arabia as a "major non-NATO ally" and committing the U.S. to actively assist Saudi Arabia if it came under an attack.

The two sides also made tangible progress towards collaboration in civil nuclear energy and the supply of state-of-the-art Artificial Intelligence (AI) chips. Given the Trumpian propensity for "truthful hyperbole" and Saudi economic stringency, observers are sceptical about all key promises made during the visit being fully realised.

Moreover, the bilateral differences on basic issues such as the global oil glut, Riyadh-Tel Aviv reconciliation, Iran, and the Kingdom's drive towards strategic autonomy were papered over during the Summit, which was conspicuous by the absence of any final communiqué. The visit can, nevertheless, be considered as a qualified bilateral success, particularly as it managed to bury the past ghost issues.

The robust revival of the U.S.-Saudi ties in Trump 2.0 is bound to have a regional impact. Under MbS, Saudi Arabia, the Arab world's largest economy, has abandoned its low-key diplomatic profile, adopting a more assertive and visible pursuit of national interests. This process has accelerated after the two-year-long Israeli military campaign that has subdued Iran, the Kingdom's long-standing rival in the region and the Islamic world.

MbS has already persuaded Mr. Trump to drop sanctions against Syria's new regime and has asked for stronger American intervention to end the Sudanese civil war. Even the Iranian President has sought the MbS facilitation of the resumption of nuclear talks with Washington. The robust endorsement by the White House during the recent visit would further empower MbS, who at 40 years could be around for decades, making him an indispensable, long-term U.S. interlocutor as the region's geopolitical architecture gets reconfigured.

While the visit was silent on global issues, there are signs of subterranean bilateral coordination. Although oil has largely disappeared as the driver for bilateral economic synergy, the Saudi economy continues to be highly dependent on oil export revenues. Moreover, as recent U.S. sanctions against the two Russian oil majors demonstrated, Washington intends to continue its dominance of the global oil market. Both Saudis and Americans want the oil price to be at a moderate, sustainable level. The concerted American actions on sanctions against Iran, Venezuela and two Russian oil majors can only help stem the emerging supply-side oil glut, shore up the price and create market space for higher exports by both Saudi Arabia and the U.S. For the U.S., reinforced ties with Saudi Arabia would also stave off the recent encroachments by China and Russia on its turf, and complement its regional Pax Americana.

Impact on India

The Washington Summit does have several implications for India. First, it may provide advanced U.S. military equipment access to Pakistan, with which Riyadh concluded a strategic mutual defence agreement in September 2025, apparently with the U.S. nod-and-wink.

Second, although India, as the world's third-largest oil importer, would prefer oil prices to be low, moderation and stability in the oil market may still be preferable as it navigates for alternative sources to Russian supplies.

Third, soaring Saudi ambitions for its post-oil Vision-2030, such as AI data centres, may create economic opportunities for India.

Fourth, curbing China's foray into Saudi Arabia may open the door wider for India. India also needs to prioritise entering into a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement with Saudi Arabia.

Lastly, the emerging *modus vivendi* with Israel may also facilitate the work on the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor, which transits through Saudi Arabia. At a different level, White House's differential treatment of MbS shows that its single-minded pursuit of economic transactions continues to trump all previous qualms, such as human rights and proliferation concerns, may light India's pathway to an economic peace with the Americans.

The evident MbS-Trump bonhomie during the White House Summit signals the U.S. reclaiming primacy in Riyadh. The locus of the relationship has, nevertheless, shifted from the past "oil-for-security" paradigm. As the new, more nebulous drivers congeal and Saudi Arabia asserts its sovereign autonomy, the alliance enters an uncharted territory. While much may remain unaltered, it would, nevertheless, be fascinating to watch its progression.

A landmark law in 2013, it needs a spine in 2025

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A case in Chandigarh, where a college professor was sacked after a probe by the Internal Complaints Committee (ICC) under the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 (or the POSH Act) marks a rare but important precedent. The students' complaint, filed on September 12, 2024, was investigated, and the allegations of sexual harassment were proven.

While this outcome is being hailed as "justice served", it also exposes the low conviction rate under the POSH Act and the gaps that prevent it from delivering justice with consistency and empathy, especially in educational institutions where young women and men face unequal power dynamics. This writer has seen the recurring gaps and on-ground challenges that dilute the purpose of the law after having witnessed several cases of sexual harassment in universities and colleges.

The flawed idea of consent

The Act, though well-intentioned, suffers from conceptual and procedural flaws. It talks about "consent" but not "informed consent". That distinction is crucial. Consent loses its meaning when obtained through manipulation or incomplete knowledge. Within workplace and academic settings, relationships may initially appear consensual, but when emotional manipulation or power imbalance surfaces later, the earlier consent becomes invalid. What a woman experiences then is not only harassment but also betrayal.

Yet, the law does not account for such informed consent, ignoring how educated perpetrators exploit trust, authority and information asymmetry.

Emotional harassment that stems from deceitful or manipulative relationships also remains outside the Act's ambit. When consent is obtained through fraud or emotional coercion, it should be treated as harassment. Many educated accused understand what leaves evidence and what does not, shaping their behaviour to remain in the grey zone of legality. The law, still bound to visible or explicit acts, fails to address this subtle, psychological form of exploitation.

> The POSH Act needs to have clearer language, longer timelines, recognition of emotional and digital abuse, and stronger investigative tools

One of the most pressing flaws is the limitation period of three months for filing complaints. For a woman who has survived manipulation or coercion, recognising what happened and gathering courage to report it often takes much longer. In universities, where students spend several years under the same institutional roof, realisation and evidence may emerge much later. Justice should not come with an expiry date. The three-month rule only strengthens the confidence of perpetrators that their acts will fade with time.

Equally troubling is the terminology. The accused is called a "respondent", and not an "accused." This small linguistic change dilutes the seriousness of the offence. Outside the workplace, the same conduct would constitute a crime. Why should the context of a college or office make it seem less grave? Language matters. By softening the label, the law normalises a violation that causes deep psychological trauma.

Vague definitions within the Act further shift the burden of proof onto the woman. She must prove harassment within an institutional structure that is often hesitant, ill-equipped, and risk-averse. In most genuine cases, harassment is not a single act but a behavioural pattern. Yet, committees tend to dismiss complaints for lack of direct evidence. There should be ways to assess behavioural conduct through anonymous feedback or corroborative testimony. Since the accused already enjoys protection through a multi-member committee to ensure impartiality, the same faith must extend to the committee's ability to recognise circumstantial evidence. Reading between the lines and acknowledging informal networks should be part of the process.

No clarity on inter-institutional complaints

The Act is also silent on inter-institutional complaints. In academia, visiting faculty, research collaborations and conferences create multiple spaces for interaction across institutions. When an accused person's misconduct spans different campuses, there is no mechanism to connect or pursue those cases jointly. This absence allows repeat offenders to go unchecked.

For a woman, lodging a complaint is itself a battle fought after an intense internal struggle. What follows, however, often turns into another ordeal. Instead of relief, she faces procedural delays, institutional hesitation, and emotional fatigue.

The law also permits disciplinary action against complainants found to have filed "malicious" complaints, which, though meant as a safeguard, ends up intimidating genuine victims. The process, meant to deliver justice, often retraumatises them.

The digital evidence dilemma

With technology reshaping communication, harassment too has evolved. Messages can vanish, photographs appear only once, and chats are encrypted. Expecting Internal Complaint Committee (ICC) members – often without legal or technical training – to interpret such evidence is unrealistic. The law has not adapted to this digital reality. It must include updated definitions, clear protocols for handling digital evidence, and mandatory training for committee members to ensure that technology does not become a shield for offenders.

Women have long relied on informal networks to warn each other about unsafe individuals. These whisper systems exist precisely because the formal mechanisms often failed them. The POSH Act was a milestone when enacted in 2013, but a decade later, needs strengthening. It must incorporate clearer language, longer timelines, recognition of emotional and digital abuse, and stronger investigative tools. Justice should not depend on the victim's endurance or on the committee's discretion. It must be built into the structure of the law itself. Until that happens, the protection promised by the POSH Act will remain more symbolic than real.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Bills and timelines

The judicial guideline to Governors urging them to refrain from holding on to Bills indefinitely is more in the nature of a pep talk as there is no legal binding on them to heed this advice and clear Bills as soon as they receive them. The top court has failed to analyse why this 'phenomenon' prevails only in States ruled by Opposition parties. It is a pity that no accountability is fixed on Governors who indulge in such unfair practices that torpedo the principles of federalism.

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Bengaluru

Dharmendra

What differentiated the iconic Dharmendra was his unique way of dialogue delivery and his macho appeal. He could do emotive roles with ease as well as action-oriented roles. In *Sholay*, his sentimental dialogue with his mother exemplified him. It was unforgettable, which set him apart from others. The Hindi tinsel world has lost a born actor.

A.V. Narayanan,
Chennai

Dharmendra's warmth, Asrani's iconic charm, and Dilip Kumar's unparalleled depth continue to live on in every frame that we cherish. They gifted us laughter and stories that shaped our childhoods and remain in our hearts forever.

Jubel D'Cruz,
Mumbai

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Decoding personality rights in the age of AI

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Recently, actors Abhishek Bachchan and Aishwarya Rai Bachchan filed a lawsuit against Google and YouTube in the Delhi High Court. They alleged that AI-generated videos portraying them in fictitious and often explicit scenarios infringe upon their personality rights, resulting in reputational and financial damage. They sought compensation, but also safeguards to prevent such content from being used to train future AI models.

This case highlights how AI blurs the lines between authenticity and deception, prompting us to reassess the legal and ethical frameworks governing personality rights. Personality rights, which include the right to control one's name, image, likeness, voice, and other identifiers of identity, have long been a bulwark against unauthorised exploitation. Rooted in concepts of privacy, dignity, and economic autonomy, these rights evolved from common law principles to address commercial exploitation. However, the emergence of AI, particularly in the form of generative technologies such as deepfakes, has amplified these vulnerabilities. Deepfakes, AI-generated content that swap faces or voices, propagate misinformation, enable extortion, and erode trust. While AI fosters innovation, its unchecked use risks commodifying human identity, demanding legal safeguards.

The legal mosaic

Globally, personality rights differ: Europe adopts a dignity-based model, the U.S. a property-based one, and India a hybrid approach. In India, these rights lack codification and stem from Article 21 of the Constitution, affirmed in *Justice K.S. Puttaswamy v. Union of India* (2017). Courts have since classified AI infringements as privacy or intellectual property breaches. Landmark cases include *Amitabh Bachchan v. Rajat Nagi* (2022), which recognised personality rights; *Anil Kapoor v. Simply Life India* (2023), where AI reproductions of Mr. Kapoor's identity and his catchphrase "Jhakaas" were banned for diluting brand value; and *Arijit Singh v. Codible Ventures LLP* (2024), where the Bombay High Court protected Mr. Singh's voice from AI replication. These indicate a judicial shift towards a privacy-property hybrid. Yet, India's framework remains reactive. While the Information Technology Act, 2000, and the 2024 Intermediary Guidelines address impersonation and deepfakes, enforcement is hindered by anonymity and cross-border data sharing.

In the U.S., personality rights are often referred to as the 'right of publicity', a transferable property interest that varies by state. *Haelan Laboratories v. Topps Chewing Gum* (1953) recognised this right as distinct from privacy, allowing celebrities to monetise their identity. AI-related reforms include Tennessee's ELVIS Act, 2024, banning unauthorised AI use of voices or likenesses in response to deepfakes. Lawsuits against Character.AI alleged that its chat bots encouraged self-harm, leading to teen suicides. A 2024 Florida case claims the bot posed as a therapist, fostering detachment from reality. A federal judge dismissed Character.AI's First Amendment defence.

In the EU, personality rights follow a dignity-based model under the General Data Protection Regulation, 2016, which requires consent for processing personal and biometric data. The EU AI Act, 2024, designates deepfake technologies as high-risk, mandating transparency and labelling.

In China, a 2024 Beijing Internet Court ruling held that synthetic voices must not deceive consumers, indicating stricter regulation. In a related case, a voice actor won damages after an AI replica was sold without consent, affirming voice as part of personality rights.

This fragmented global framework exposes how AI's transnational nature surpasses national laws. In 'AI Ethics and Creators' Feelings: Extended Personality Rights as (Property) Rights to Object', published in the *Social Science Research Network* (2025), Guido Westkamp et al advocate expanding rights to encompass style and persona appropriations to protect creators from AI's exploitative data use.

The human-AI nexus

Scholarly discussions on personality rights in AI centre on ethics, dignity, and autonomy. UNESCO's Recommendation on the Ethics of AI, 2021, provides a rights-based framework. Its principles stress that AI must not exploit individuals. In 'Safeguarding identity: A comprehensive survey of anonymization strategies for behavioural data,' Aldrich, S.T., and Smith, K.R. (2024) critique India's fragmented laws, calling for statutory AI definitions and high-risk classifications for deepfakes used in disinformation. They raise ethical issues such as AI recreations of deceased artists, noting that Indian courts deem personality rights non-heritable. Broader scholarship, including 'The Ethics and Challenges of Legal Personhood for AI' by Forrest, K. B. (2023), in *The Yale Law Journal*, warns that granting AI legal status may erode human rights. AI's duality is clear: technologies like ChatGPT expand creativity but also enable harm. However, excessive regulation could stifle innovation.

These controversies expose systemic gaps. India needs legislation that explicitly defines personality rights and enforces AI watermarking, platform liability, and global collaboration. The government's 2024 deepfake advisory is a preliminary step, but stronger measures are essential. International harmonisation through UNESCO principles could avert ethical deterioration.

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A farm crisis lost in political cacophony

Farmers in Karnataka need a long-term solution to their woes

STATE OF PLAY

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It has been over 10 days since farmers of Gadag district in north Karnataka began an indefinite agitation demanding Minimum Support Price (MSP) of ₹3,000 per quintal for maize. Farmers in the neighbouring districts too are up in arms against the Central and State governments over the plummeting price of maize.

While the Centre has fixed an MSP at ₹2,400 per quintal for maize, the prevailing price in Karnataka is ₹1,600 to ₹1,800 per quintal. The prices, which began declining in September, have dropped suddenly over the last fortnight.

The plight of the farmers in Karnataka, which is among the top maize-producing States in the country, seems to have been buried under the cacophony over the "power-sharing formula" between the Chief Minister, Siddaramaiah, and the Deputy Chief Minister, D.K. Shivakumar.

The protest by maize farmers comes at a time when the State government is yet to recover from the floods that destroyed crops. That was followed by series of protests by sugarcane farmers seeking a Fair and Remunerative Price (FRP) of ₹3,500 per tonne for sugarcane. The State government recently managed to convince the farmers to agree to an FRP of ₹3,300 per tonne.

The Opposition BJP has been quick to grab this opportunity to portray the ruling disposition as "anti-farmer", just ahead of the winter session of the State legislature. In response, the Congress has argued that the Union government's intervention is crucial

in resolving both maize and sugarcane issues. It has mocked the opposition MPs of Karnataka for not having the gumption to raise the issue with their own party leaders at the Centre.

Last week, Mr. Siddaramaiah wrote to Prime Minister Narendra Modi seeking his intervention in the procurement of maize and also green gram, which has seen a price drop as well. He said that Mr. Modi should direct the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED), the Food Corporation of India, and the National Cooperative Consumers' Federation of India (NCCF) to begin MSP procurement immediately under the Price Support Scheme or another suitable mechanism. Mr. Siddaramaiah contended that increased imports has also added to the crisis.

The Union Minister for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Pralhad Joshi, responded by lobbing the ball back to the State's court and insisting that the authority on implementing the MSP or FRP rests with the State government. He has also rubbished Mr. Siddaramaiah's claims on imports, stating that it is only 0.5 lakh metric tonnes this fiscal.

Amid the political blame game, one of the basic issues that has gone unaddressed is the rapid expansion of maize cultivation in Karnataka. Maize in Karnataka has replaced rain-fed crops such as potato, cotton, groundnut, ragi, and sorghum. In 2023, the cultivated area under maize in the State was 10.3 lakh hectares. For the current year, up to July 5, it was 13.98 lakh hectares, up from 12.20 lakh hectare last year in the same period.

According to market experts, this year, multiple factors including supply-demand disparity, reduced exports due to downward trend in global cereal prices, and related factors caused the price drop. Ethanol blending results in the production of large quantities of Distiller's Dried Grains with Solubles, a substitute for conventional feed grains, which is cited as another factor reducing the demand for maize in the livestock sector. Also, while Karnataka has produced over 55 lakh metric tonnes (LMT) of maize during kharif 2025, it has a marketable surplus of 32 lakh tonnes, which far exceeds the absorptive capacity of local industries. Added to the problem is the existing additional stock with the distilleries from the previous year's procurement.

A positive development amid the crisis is Mr. Siddaramaiah's promise about starting procurement under MSP by the State. However, this is yet to translate into a government order. He has also written to the distilleries in the State to sign up with NAFED and NCCF for the production of ethanol using maize.

Farmers who cultivate maize in Karnataka, mostly in the central and northern districts, have demanded action both by the State and the Centre to come up with a long-term solution. This demand currently seems lost on both ruling and Opposition party leaders.

Over 80% nations got loans from China in the last two decades

Chinese banks have lent about $200 billion to U.S. projects and initiatives, which makes the U.S. the biggest beneficiary

DATA POINT

The Hindu Data Team

China lent more than $2 trillion in loans and grants to over 80% of countries and regions in the world between 2000 and 2023. The U.S. was the biggest beneficiary, according to data released by AidData, a research institute at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia.

Over the years, Chinese state-owned entities have lent about $200 billion for nearly 2,500 projects and initiatives – more than 9% of the total amount lent by China – to American companies. Over 95% of this amount was lent by Chinese state-owned banks, enterprises, and the central bank, while the rest was lent by non-state players.

Map 1 shows the amounts lent by China to various countries between 2000 and 2023. Across the world, during that period, 179 out of 217 countries and territories received at least one loan from a Chinese state-owned creditor. China was the world's largest creditor and debt collector in 2023, lending $140 billion to various countries.

Entities in Russia and Australia were the second and the third biggest beneficiaries in the last two decades, receiving $172 billion and $130 billion, respectively, in the period. Firms in the 27 member states of the European Union received $161 billion for 1,800 projects and activities.

Chart 2 shows the 20 countries that received the highest loan commitments between 2000 and 2023, along with the income bracket under which they fall. Of the countries shown in the chart, six are considered "high-income" countries, which together received more than 20% of the total amount lent by China in the period. About $943 billion was lent to high-income countries overall.

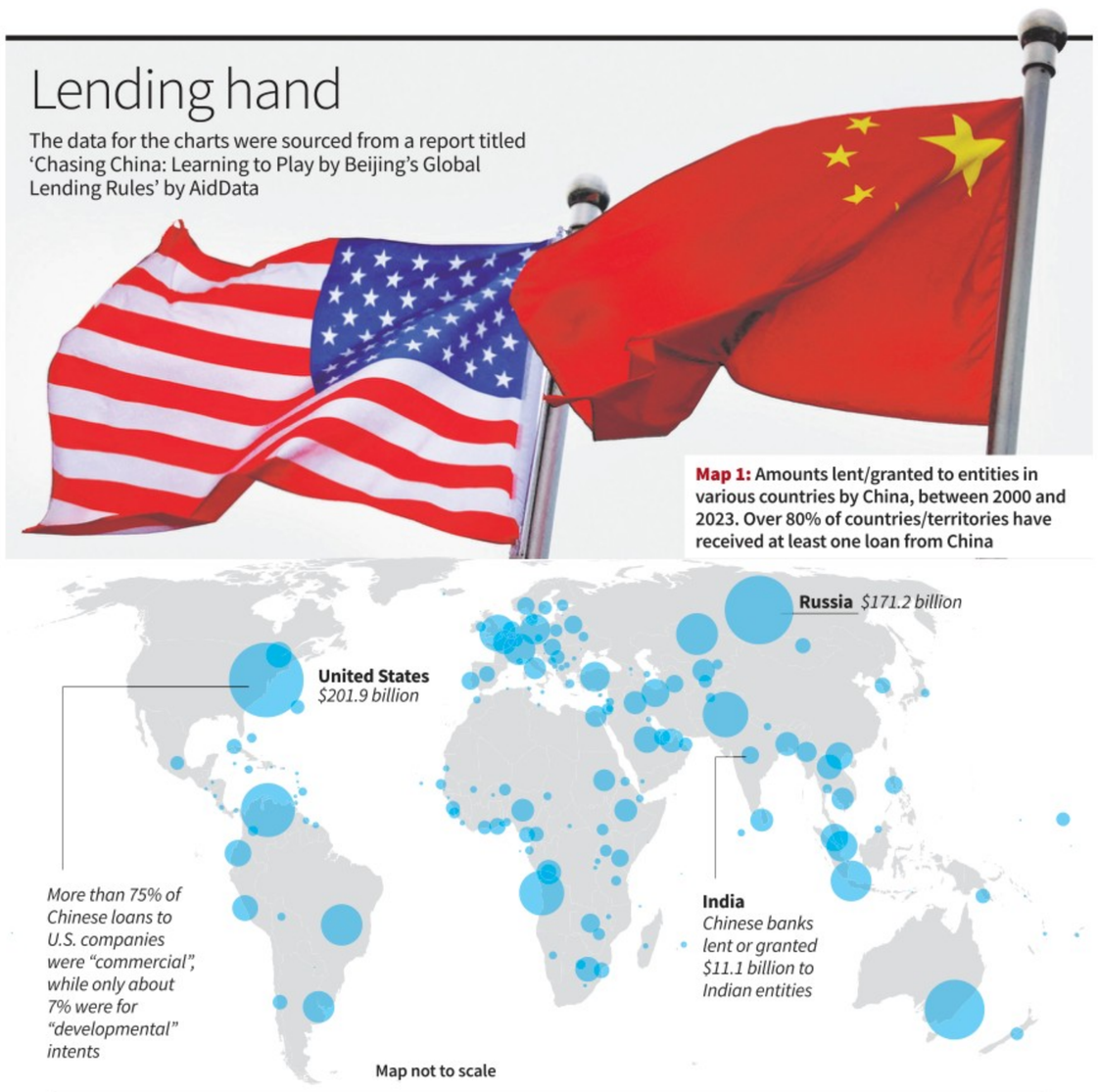
Beijing is moving away from its role as an aid provider to relatively poorer nations, as its focus has shifted towards commercial lending for developed countries. For instance, more than 75% of Chinese loan transactions with U.S. companies were "commercial" in nature, while only about 7% were for "developmental" intents, as per the data. China had lent about $320 million to the U.S. in 2000; this surged to about $19 billion in 2023, which hints at the "commercial" turn the investments took.

China's initial focus was on infrastructural development projects in economically disadvantaged nations. Chinese President Xi Jinping launched the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) in 2013, which helped develop energy, infrastructure, and connectivity projects in Europe and Asia. The Aiddata report details how China has scaled back on its lending to such projects; where BRI once made up 75% of China's lending operations, it now makes up about 25%.

Chart 3 shows the share of high-income and low-income countries in China's portfolio. The report finds that in a typical year, China spent about $5.7 billion on what can be classified as aid for official development assistance. However, in 2023, China's global official development assistance commitments fell to $1.9 billion.

According to the report, China has an 80% success rate for getting overseas mergers and acquisitions approved. This is because of the relatively weak screening mechanisms for foreign capital inflow in most countries that China invested in. The report also alleges that China managed this by channelling funds through off-shore shell companies and international bank syndicates.

As of 2023, Indian entities have borrowed or were granted $11.1 billion from China, with a large amount of this dedicated to the energy sector and banking and financial services. Most of the funds were borrowed with a mix of commercial and developmental intent.



FROM THE ARCHIVES

The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO NOVEMBER 26, 1975

Heavy rain for third day in Madras: 5,000 homeless

Madras, Nov. 25: The cyclonic storm in the Bay has intensified and lay centred at 2 a.m. (Nov. 26) at 170 km south-east of Madras. It is likely to intensify further, move in the north-westerly direction and cross the North Tamil Nadu coast near Madras on Wednesday morning.

Squally weather and gales, with wind-speed touching 120 to 140 km per hour, have been forecast for Madras and its environs, Chingleput and South Arcot districts and Puducherry during the next 24 hours.

The storm has brought in its wake widespread rain in the State. Sriperumbudur (Chingleput district) recording the highest rainfall of 13 cm for the 24 hours ending 8:30 a.m. today.

For the third day to-day heavy rain lashed Madras and suburbs, damaging over 1,000 huts and rendering about 5,000 people homeless. Three persons were injured in a house collapse.

The Nungambakkam Observatory recorded seven centimetres of rain and Meenambakkam six cm till 8:30 a.m. today. During the 12 hours ending 8:30 p.m., there was a rainfall of six cm at Nungambakkam. At Meenambakkam the rainfall recorded from 8:30 a.m. (Tuesday) to 1:00 a.m. (Wednesday) was nearly 10 cms. The total rainfall during the almost continuous four-day spell was about 23 cm at Nungambakkam and 25 cm at Meenambakkam.

Many educational institutions remained closed to-day. Judges of the Madras High Court rose at 12-30 p.m. and the Court's office was closed at 2-30 p.m.

Work at the harbour continued to be paralysed to-day on account of the rain.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO NOVEMBER 26, 1925

Witnessing football match from the air

New York, Nov. 25: Unable to obtain tickets to the annual football match between Army and Navy Cadets, except at high prices demanded by speculators, an enthusiastic New Yorker chartered a transport plane to accommodate 14 persons for the purpose of circling overboard and viewing the game from the air. The officials of the Aeroplane Company said the average cost per passenger was not much in excess of the speculators' prices high ranger from 25 to 35 dollars per seat.

From Page One

Assam proposes jail term for polygamy

It covers any resident of Assam who willingly and knowingly enters into a polygamous marriage outside the State, as well as people who live outside Assam but own immovable property in the State or receive State-funded benefits, subsidies, or welfare support.

The Bill seeks to make people convicted under the anti-polygamy law ineligible for government-funded or aided jobs and benefits under any government scheme, and bar them from contesting any election in the State.

The draft law also provides a mechanism for compensation to women affected by polygamous marriages. A designated authority will be notified to process applications and disburse compensation, it says.

The Bill specifies that polygamous marriages contracted before it comes into force will not be affected, as long as they follow existing personal or customary laws and have valid proof. It also gives police officers the power to intervene before a prohibited marriage takes place.

The Opposition parties had earlier criticised the decision to table the anti-polygamy Bill as a move by the Bharatiya Janata Party-led Assam government to target Muslims ahead of the 2026 Assembly election. The Bill was introduced in the absence of the MLAs of the Congress, the CPI(M), and the Raijor Dal, who staged a walkout after a discussion on the death of singer Zubeen Garg.

Arunachal Pradesh is an integral and inalienable part of India: MEA

India dismisses China's response to detention of an Indian citizen at the Shanghai airport, says Chinese authorities have still not been able to explain their actions, which are in violation of several conventions governing international air travel

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

A day after an Indian citizen from Arunachal Pradesh was detained at the Shanghai international airport as Chinese officials refused to recognise her Indian passport, External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said India had taken up the case with Chinese authorities "strongly" and reiterated that Arunachal Pradesh is an "inalienable" part of India.

"Arunachal Pradesh is an integral and inalienable part of India, and this is a self-evident fact. No amount of denial by the Chinese side is going to change this indisputable reality," said Mr. Jaiswal after the Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson said the individual concerned – Prema Wangjom Thongdok – was treated as per Chinese laws.

Ms. Thongdok, a principal regulatory consultant working in financial services and based in London, had said on social media that she was detained at the airport.

"I was held at Shanghai airport for over 18 hrs on 21st Nov, 2025 on claims by China immigration & @chinaeasternair. They called my Indian passport invalid as my birthplace is Arunachal Pradesh which, they claimed, is Chinese territory," she wrote.

Significantly, China Eastern Airlines started its Shanghai-Delhi service on November 9 reviving air connectivity after a gap of five years. Officials got into action as Ms. Thongdok's

Prema Thongdok

ordeal came to light and on Monday they told *The Hindu* that a "strong demarche" had been issued by the Government of India to the Chinese side. She was transiting through the airport to Japan when the reported incident took place.

"The detention issue has been taken up strongly with the Chinese side. Chinese authorities have still not been able to explain their actions, which are in violation of several conventions governing international air travel. The actions by the Chinese authorities also violate their own regulations that allow visa-free transit up to 24 hours for nationals of all countries," Mr. Jaiswal said.

Arunachal CM's plea

Earlier, Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu called for urgent intervention by the Centre over the incident. Mr. Khandu said the woman was subjected to appalling "humiliation and racial mockery", despite holding a valid Indian passport.

China has refuted the allegations that the Indian woman was harassed at Shanghai airport, saying that the actions taken by the Chinese immigration officials were as per laws and regulations.

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Mao Ning claimed that the woman was not subjected to any compulsory measures, detainment or harassment as alleged by her. The airline also provided food, drink, and a place to rest for the person concerned, Ms. Mao said.

"We learnt that China's border inspection authorities have gone through the whole process according to the laws and regulations and fully protected the lawful rights and interests of the person concerned," Ms. Mao said.

She also reiterated China's claims over Arunachal Pradesh, which it calls Zangnan or South Tibet.
(With inputs from PTI)

28 Maoists surrender in Chhattisgarh's Narayanpur

The Hindu Bureau
RAIPUR

Twenty-eight cadres of the CPI (Maoist) carrying a cumulative bounty of ₹89 lakh surrendered before the police in Chhattisgarh's Narayanpur district on Tuesday.

"Under the initiative 'Poona Margem: From Rehabilitation to Reintegration', a significant achievement was secured today in Narayanpur district, where 28 Maoist cadres carrying a combined reward of ₹89 lakh decided to abandon the path of violence," said Inspector-General of Police (Bastar Range) P. Sundarraj.

The officer said during the last 50 days, 512 Maoist cadres in Bastar Range laid down arms. Narayanpur, Sukma and Bijapur remain the districts most affected by left-wing extremism.

Cong. flays 'violations' in Adani coal project in M.P.

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Congress on Tuesday sharply criticised what it called "procedural short-circuiting" and "large-scale tree felling" linked to the Adani Group's coal mining project in Dhirauli, Madhya Pradesh.

In a post on social media platform X, Congress communication chief Jairam Ramesh described the developments as an "environmental tragedy and a disaster" for local Adivasi communities.

"We had raised the issue of the procedural short-circuiting that Modani and Co. have committed in Dhirauli, Madhya Pradesh, to cut down forests for a coal mine. Reports have now emerged that large-scale tree felling has begun in the village under heavy police presence," Mr. Ramesh said. He alleged that the local villagers have been barred from approaching the forest site and outsiders have been denied entry.

The Madhya Pradesh government, however, has denied these charges.

Caste must not be allowed to divide us, whatever the circumstance: CJI

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

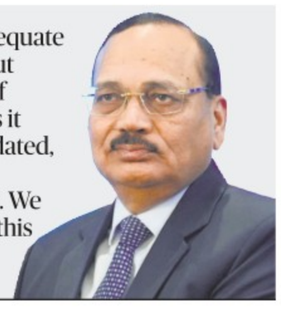
Chief Justice of India Surya Kant remarked on Tuesday that society must not be "divided" on caste lines, after a submission was made about the Union government's announcement on conducting a caste census.

"Whatever we do, I think we should not divide society on caste lines," Chief Justice Kant observed orally.

The top judge was responding to a submission by senior advocate Indira Jaising about the government's announcement of a caste census.

"There has been no caste census after 1931. That was the last one. The Government of India has announced a caste census precisely to ascertain the percentage of the Other Backward Classes (OBC) in the population. This is relevant for Part IX of the Constitution [local self-governance in rural India]," Ms. Jaising said.

> OBCs must get adequate representation, but is it happening at the cost of everyone being ousted or is it that they can be accommodated, and others can also be reasonably accommodated. We need to see how to balance this
> **SURYA KANT**
> Chief Justice of India



Quota in local bodies

The government had announced that caste enumeration would be a part of the next Census in March 2027. The oral remark from the CJI came towards the end of a hearing in which the Bench was considering the issue of political reservation for OBCs in local bodies scheduled to go to the polls in Maharashtra.

Contentions were made in court that reservations in 57 out of a total 288 municipal councils and nagar panchayats going to the polls on December 2 exceeded the 50% threshold set by a Constitution Bench in *K. Krishna Murthy v. Union of India*.

The Maharashtra State Election Commission, represented by senior advocate Balbir Singh, acknowledged the breach of the 50% cut-off in the 57 seats.

However, Chief Justice Kant orally said the court would still allow the elections to be held. "The 57 seats would be subject to the outcome of these proceedings. Any further election which you [Election Commission] notify must comply with the 50% ceiling," the CJI observed.

Elections have not yet been notified in 32 zilla panchayats, 29 municipal corporations and over 330 panchayat samitis in Maharashtra.

"Institutions at the grassroots level have to be revived. People are not getting their representatives [in the local bodies]. All of them are being run by bureaucrats. We will allow the election to be held," Chief Justice Kant said, clarifying why the polls should go ahead.

The local body elections in the State have been stalled since 2022 due to litigation over the implementation of the OBC reservation.

The CJI, while listing the case on November 27, assured the court would devise a "workable arrangement" by which the elections could be held after "ironing out the creases" through an interim order. The court also asked the State Election Commission to provide a broad sketch of the percentage of OBCs in the 57 local bodies.

Ms. Jaising said the OBC communities should not be deprived of proportionate political representation.

"OBCs must get adequate representation, but is it happening at the cost of everyone being ousted or is it that they can be accommodated, and others can also be reasonably accommodated. We need to see how to balance this," the CJI told the State Election Commission.

The Bench said it would look into whether the "grey areas" around the 50% cut-off on reservation in local bodies' elections ought to be referred to a Constitution Bench.

'Not inclined to monitor every incident of hate speech'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court said on Tuesday that it was not inclined to legislate over or monitor every incident of hate speech across the country. A Bench of Justices Vikram Nath and Sandeep Mehta said police stations and State High Courts were in place and competent to deal with them.

On Tuesday, the Bench of Justices Nath and Mehta was hearing a plea filed by journalist Qurban Ali and others, quoting instances of systematic ostracisation of the Muslim community in various States.

Solicitor-General Tushar Mehta questioned why public interest litigation petitions against hate speech were filed in the cause of only one faith.

"I need not be the one to inform the state that hate speech is happening and action needs to be taken. That is the obligation of the state. If the state had the zeal, I need not have troubled Your Lordships in the Supreme Court," the petitioners' counsel replied.

Assam House sees clash of reports on 1983 poll violence

Rahul Karmakar
GUWAHATI

Govt. had formed Tewary Commission; the Mehta panel was constituted by outfits spearheading the Assam Agitation

Two contrasting reports, one of them unofficial, have revived the memories of bloodshed in Assam during the peak of the anti-immigrant Assam Agitation more than four decades ago.

On Tuesday, the Assam government tabled the Justice (retired) T.U. Mehta Commission report in the Assembly and distributed copies of the official Tribhuvan Prasad Tewary Commission report among the members of the 126-member House and others. Only the MLAs received hard copies of the unofficial Mehta panel report.

Both reports deal with a series of violent incidents during the controversial three-phase Assembly election held in February 1983, when Assam was under President's Rule. While the government constituted the Tewary Commission, the Mehta Commission was formed by Mukti Jujaru Sanmilan and organisations spearheading the Assam Agitation from 1979-85.

The Mehta panel attributed the violence largely to the imposition of the election against the wishes of the people.

Its report said that the then State and Union governments were fully aware that the situation was not conducive for holding elections, but the party in power at the Centre wanted the polls to grab power.

Poll panel slammed

The report criticised the Election Commission for not deciding against holding the polls to stop the violence.

The draft revision of rolls for the by-election to the Mangaldoi Lok Sabha constituency in 1979 had triggered the agitation, which later swept the State. According to the agitators, many people of suspect nationality were included in that list of electors.

On the other hand, the Tewary Commission report said: "In our considered view, the decision to hold the elections cannot be blamed for the outbreak of the violence of 1983."

"The evidence produced before the Commission clearly brings out that the issues of foreigners, language, etc., have been agitating the minds of the people for the last several decades, exploding into violence on several previous occasions," the report said.

According to the Tewary panel report, the violence killed 3,023 people across 11 districts between January 1 and April 30, 1983. The report lists 1,811 people killed in Nagaon district.

Nellie, then a part of Nagaon district, witnessed the massacre of migrant Muslims, mostly women and children, on February 18, 1983. People belonging to the Assamese, Bengali Hindu, and other communities were killed in other districts.

The focus of the Tewary Commission was on the Nellie massacre.

Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said the Tewary panel report, although tabled in the Assembly in 1987 when the Asom Gana Parishad – now a minor ally of the Bharatiya Janata Party – was in power, was restricted to one copy submitted to the Speaker.

Ujjwal Nikam urges military action on Pak. terror modules

Vinaya Deshpande Pandit
MUMBAI

Emphasising the need for another Indian military action in Pakistan, former special public prosecutor of the 26/11 terror attacks case and sitting Rajya Sabha member Ujjwal Nikam on Monday expressed anguish over Pakistan's inaction on the evidence given by prime accused David Headley. "We need another Operation Sindoor for Pakistan to act against its terror modules. We need another Operation Sindoor to show to the world that we are not a banana republic and that we will not tolerate terror," he told *The Hindu* on Tuesday.

"We had asked them to take cognisance of the evidence against the key conspirators of the 26/11 terror attacks including '*Bade Chacha*' Hafiz Saeed, other operatives of Lashkar-e-Taiba, and most importantly, key ISI operatives of Pakistan. We had also produced email correspondences. Despite heavy evidence given to Pakistan, they did not act... Though we have given them voluminous evidence, if they are not going to take action against perpetrators of the terror attack, Operation Sindoor will happen," he said.

Speaking on the significance of getting Headley's deposition in 2016, he said it was crucial to unravel the larger conspiracy behind the terror attack. "When it was clear that we could not get him to India, I had decided to use David Headley as one of the prosecution witnesses. In view of the plea bargaining agreement, I had decided, the best policy to catch a thief is to use a thief...," he said.

CISF personnel honoured for saving lives during Operation Sindoor

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

The Director-General of the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) on Tuesday conferred the 'DG's disc' on 19 members of the force for exceptional operational performance during Operation Sindoor in safeguarding the vital Uri hydropower projects about 10 km from the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu and Kashmir.

The citation said CISF troops "neutralised hostile drones targeting the installations, and secured armoury stockpiles by swiftly redistributing weapons to prevent potential destruction".

Apart from protecting about 250 civilians, the CISF personnel ensured the safety of the Uri-I and Uri-II hydroelectric projects in May 2025.

Retaliating to the May 7 Operation Sindoor by the Indian armed forces, the Pakistan Army had launched intense and indiscriminate shelling on Indian territory.

CISF Director-General Praveer Ranjan (centre) with the 19 CISF personnel awarded the DG's disc on Tuesday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

"Positioned barely 8-10 kilometres from the LoC, CISF units at the National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC) installations found themselves at the forefront of this sudden escalation. As shells struck close to residential complexes, CISF personnel undertook door-to-door evacuation of civilians, including women, children, NHPC staff and their families, ensuring the safe evacuation of around 250 civilians, preventing any loss of life. Even as live rounds landed dangerously close to the premises, the personnel continued to reinforce bunkers, maintain communication lines through POLNET and satellite systems, and provide emergency assistance," the CISF said.

The personnel "upheld the highest traditions of the force, displaying rare courage under fire, and unwavering commitment to national security", Praveer Ranjan, D-G, CISF, said.

The evacuation was led by Commandant Ravi Yadav, Deputy Commandant Manohar Singh, and Assistant Commandant Subhash Kumar. The other personnel conferred with the DG's disc were Inspector Deepak Kumar Jha; Sub-Inspectors Anil Kumar and Deepak Kumar; Assistant Sub-Inspectors Rajeev Kumar and Sukhdev Singh; Head Constables Gurjit Singh, Manoj Kumar Sharma, and Ram Lal; and Constables Sushil Vasant Kamble, Razique Ahmad Abdul Rafique, Ravindra Gulab Wankhede, Tridev Chakma, Sohan Lal, Mufeed Ahmad, Mahesh Kumar, and Sandenaboina Raju.

APPEAL

Sheik Abdulla is 10 years old suffering from "T Cell - Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia" is advised to undergo Chemotherapy and Radiation Therapy at **Meenakshi Mission Hospital & Research Centre, Madurai.** The total expenditure is Rs.8,00,000/-. His father works as a doorman at a Textile shop and the family cannot afford this huge expenditure. Please help him to undergo the treatment. Donations sent by Ch/D.D. favouring **Meenakshi Mission Hospital & Research Centre, Madurai will be acknowledged.** The donations sent through Ch/D.D/ M.O/NEFT Transfer & GOOGLE PAY (Canara Bank, Nungambakkam Branch, A/c No. 60182010063310, IFSC No. CNRB0016018) favouring **WOMEN'S WELFARE SYNDICATE** is exempted under 80G IT. Your e-mail ID is requested.

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Old wounds are healing, PM says at Ram Temple

Modi hoists saffron flag atop the temple in Ayodhya, marking formal completion of construction; he calls it a turning point in India's cultural consciousness; RSS chief and U.P. CM were also present

Mayank Kumar
LUCKNOW

Spirit of Ram: People attend the flag-hoisting ceremony at the Ram Temple in Ayodhya on Tuesday. PMO

Prime Minister Narendra Modi ceremonially hoisted a saffron flag – the Dharma Dhwaj – atop the Ram Temple in Ayodhya on Tuesday, marking the completion of the temple's construction.

"Today, the city of Ayodhya is witnessing another turning point in India's cultural consciousness. This moment of flag hoisting celebration at the pinnacle of the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Temple is unique," Mr. Modi said, after hoisting the triangular saffron flag, 10 feet high and 20 feet long, bearing the image of a radiant sun symbolising Lord Ram's valour, an 'Om' symbol, and the Kovidara tree.

Mr. Modi began his speech with the chants, "*Jai Siyavar Ramchandra, Jai Siyaram*", claiming that the entire nation, and indeed the world, had been filled with the spirit of Ram. "Every devotee feels an unparalleled sense of satisfaction, boundless gratitude, and immense spiritual joy," he said.

"Centuries-old wounds are being healed, long-standing pain is finding rest, and a centuries-old vow is finally being fulfilled. Today marks the culmination of a 500-year-long *yajna* (ritual sacrifice) that remained steadfast in faith and unwavering in belief. The divine energy of the sanctum sanctorum of Shri Ram Temple has now been enshrined in the form of the Dharma Dhwaj atop this magnificent temple," he added.

Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh chief Mohan Bhagwat, Uttar Pradesh Governor Anandiben Patel, and Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath were present on the occasion.

Out of 'mental slavery'

The Prime Minister framed the construction of the Ram Temple as part of a journey out of mental slavery.

"One hundred and ninety years ago, in 1835, an Englishman named Lord Macaulay laid the seeds of India's disconnection from its roots, laying the foundation of mental slavery. Though India achieved political independence, the lingering effects of that mindset remain, fostering the belief that everything foreign is superior, while our own legacy is inferior," he said.

Mr. Modi described the Dharma Dhwaj as more than a flag, noting that it embodied determination, struggle, and ultimate success. "It is the realisation of a dream nurtured for centuries, the culmination of the spiritual efforts of saints, and the devotion of society at large. For centuries to come, this Dharma Dhwaj will uphold the ideals of Lord Ram," Mr. Modi said.

He added that the flag allowed a glimpse of Ram Lalla's birthplace from afar, conveying his message to humanity for generations. "Ayodhya is the land where ideals are transformed into conduct. This is the city where Shri Ram began his journey. It demonstrated to the world how a person becomes the ideal human...," he said.

The sacred courtyard of the Ram Temple would emerge as a symbol of India's united strength, he said. The courtyard contains seven temples.

"In this place, alongside Ram Lalla, every sage and devotee is commemorated," he added.

'Symbol of religion'

Mr. Adityanath said the flag-hoisting ceremony was a proclamation of the truth that the light of religion was immortal and the values of Ram Rajya were timeless. "The saffron flag hoisted at Shri Ram Mandir is also a symbol of religion, dignity, truth, justice and national religion. It is a symbol of the concept of a developed India. We are witnessing a New India, where there is a perfect synergy of development and heritage," he said.

West Bengal CM leads SIR protest in Matua heartland

Shiv Sahay Singh
KOLKATA

Taking a stance: West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee addresses a rally in North 24 Parganas district on Tuesday. PTI

Taking the protests against the special intensive revision (SIR) to Bongaon in North 24 Parganas, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Tuesday led a three-kilometre march in the Matua heartland, and said the people would take revenge if the BJP-led Union government played with their lives.

This is the second time since the start of the SIR in the State that Ms. Banerjee has hit the streets to protest against the exercise. She led a similar march in Kolkata on November 4.

The Trinamool Congress chairperson said the BJP was deceiving the people of the region, who have migrated from Bangladesh, in the name of Citizenship (Amendment) Act (CAA).

Even since the start of the SIR, there has been a rush of people applying under the CAA in Bangoan and other areas. "You can get religious cards from Matha Mahasangha – but you are taking money for this, you are telling them this will get Matuas a vote. But is this legal? Has the Election Commission said this? If yes, get them to say it," the Chief Minister said.

She told the people that once they signed their form to get the Hindu card under the CAA from the Matha Mahasangha, they were declaring themselves as Bangladeshi. "This can have grave implications in future," she said.

She raised the issue of booth-level officers (BLOs) who have died during the SIR. "BLOs have died. They didn't get proper training. At least 10 are in the hospital. They are overworked with so little time to do the work," she said. The work of an SIR takes three years and not three months, the Chief Minister said.

Ms. Banerjee targeted the BJP government at the Centre. "You will not remain in power forever. When you are no longer in power, where will you run? Where will you seek shelter?" she said.

EC calls five-member Trinamool team for talks; party insists on 10

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

A confrontation is brewing between the Election Commission (EC) and the Trinamool Congress over a meeting to discuss the special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral rolls on Friday, with the poll body saying it would allow only a five-member delegation and the Trinamool insisting on not compromising on its demand for a 10-member team.

Trinamool leader Derek O'Brien on Sunday wrote to the EC seeking an appointment for a delegation of 10 MPs to give a "reality check" of the ground situation in West Bengal.

The EC responded on Monday, saying that it always welcomed regular interaction with parties for a "constructive dialogue". It, however, limited the attendance to five members.

The party's national general secretary, Abhishek Banerjee, in a post on X said, "If the @ECISVEEP is genuinely transparent, why is it scared to face just 10 MPs? Hold the meeting openly... answer the five straightforward, legitimate questions that the AITC will place before you."

Bihar Cabinet sets target of one crore jobs in five years

The Hindu Bureau
PATNA

The newly formed Bihar Cabinet held its first meeting on Tuesday and decided to provide one crore jobs to the youth over the next five years.

Under the new-age economy, Bihar would be developed as a "back-end hub and global workplace over the next five years", Bihar Chief Secretary Pratyaya Amrit said after the meeting.

"A defence corridor, semiconductor manufacturing park, global capacity centres, mega tech city and fitness city will be established to make Bihar a tech hub of eastern India," he said.

Chief Minister Nitish Kumar also made this announcement in a post on social media. "For the next five years (2025-2030), we have set a target of providing jobs and employment to one crore youth. Ensuring that more and more youth in the State get government jobs and employment has been our priority from the very beginning," he said.

He said that "work to promote industries and create maximum employment began swiftly after the new government was formed".

"Plans and policies will be formulated accordingly. At the same time a comprehensive action plan will be prepared with the collaboration of key departments, renowned economists and experts to develop and establish Bihar as a global back-end hub and global workplace," the Chief Minister added.

Rajasthan State Road Development And Construction Corporation Ltd., JAIPUR

No. : NIT/2025-26/27302-17 — Date : 24/11/2025

निविदा सूचना/2025-26

निम्नलिखित कार्य के लिए केन्द्र / राज्य सरकार के अभियांत्रिकी विभागों एवं उनके अधिकृत संगठनों में पंजीकृत एवं अनुभवी संवेदकों से निर्धारित प्रपत्र में ई-प्रोक्यूरमेन्ट प्रक्रिया हेतु ऑनलाइन निविदायें आमंत्रित की जाती है

कार्य का विवरण	कार्य की अनु. लागत (रु.)	निविदा सूचना संख्या
Construction of Bridge at Km. 9/0 on Amjhar River. UBN: RRC2526WLOB00942	843.74 Lakh	अल्पकालीन ई-512/25-26
Construction of ITI Building at Mandan District Alwar. UBN: RRC2526WLOB00941	663.60 Lakh	ई-514/25-26
Construction of Guest House & Vth Class Residence in Campus of Marwar Medical University at Borawas, District Jodhpur. UBN: RRC2526WLOB00932	517.09 Lakh	

निविदा से सम्बन्धित प्रपत्र में निविदा शुल्क, धरोहर राशि, डाउनलोड करने व खोलने की तारीख सहित सम्पूर्ण विवरण एवं संशोधन वेबसाईट: http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.rajasthan.nic.in तथा http://pwd.rajasthan.gov.in/rsrdc पर देखा जा सकता है। इच्छुक संवेदकों को अपने डिजिटल हस्ताक्षर के माध्यम से वेबसाईट http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in पर रजिस्टर्ड करवाना आवश्यक है।

महाप्रबंधक

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Information Technology Department
Central Office: 763, Anna Salai, Chennai – 600 002

Indian Overseas bank (IOB) invites bids for the following:

GOVERNMENT E-MARKET PORTAL - SELECTION OF SYSTEM INTEGRATOR (SI) FOR UNIFIED IT SUPPORT SERVICES FOR THE BANK

BID NO: GEM/2025/B/6919628 DATED 24.11.2025

The Above GEM Tender document is also available and can be downloaded from the following websites **www.iob.bank.in** & **www.gem.gov.in** For Tender details and future amendments, if any, keep referring to the following website **www.gem.gov.in**

WORKS DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, EASTERN CIRCLE (R&B), BALASORE
e-mail:- seec_bls@rediffmail.com
Government of Odisha **"e" Procurement Notice**
Bid Identification No. CCEEC-11/2025-26
No.:5382 / Dt.:17/11/25

Nature of work	:-	Road & Building Works
Number of works	:-	1 No Road & 1 No Building
Amount put to Tender	:-	Rs.223.38 lakh to 318.29 lakh
Class of Contractor	:-	"B" & "A" Class
Date & Time of availability of bid document in the Portal	:-	Dt.26.11.2025 at 10.00 AM
Last Date / Time of receipt of bid in the portal	:-	Dt.10.12.2025 up to 05.00 PM
Date of Opening of bid	:-	Dt.11.12.2025 at 11.00 AM
Name & address of the Office inviting bid	:-	Chief Construction Engineer, Eastern Circle (R&B), Balasore.

The bidders have to participate in **ONLINE** bidding only. Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal **"http//tendersodisha.gov.in"**. All future corrigendum will be available on ONLINE mode only.

B-722: **Chief Construction Engineer, Eastern Circle (R&B), Balasore**

INDIANOIL LNG PRIVATE LIMITED
(A JV company of Indian Oil Corporation Ltd)
REGD OFFICE: Level 8, Indian Oil Bhavan, 139, Nungambakkam High Road, Nungambakkam, Chennai - 600 034, TN: Web: https://indianoillng.com

EOI No: IOLPL/2025-26/PT-01/Recycling — Date: 26.11.2025

IOLPL invites bids from interested parties for partnering to set up Polyolefins Recycling Plant(s) in India through a Joint Venture Model.

Bid documents can be downloaded from our website from 26.11.2025,10 am onwards and Last date for submission of bid is 16.12.2025 5 p.m. (both days inclusive).

Any Addendum / Corrigendum shall be issued on our website only and no separate notification shall be issued in the press. Bidders are therefore requested to regularly visit our website to keep themselves updated.

For clarifications, please mail to **ennorelng@indianoillng.in**

GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
BUILDINGS AND ROADS DIVISION P.W.D., KARAIKAL
e-TENDER NOTICE No.39/PW/BRK/2025-26, dated 24-11-2025
Notice inviting e-Tender

The Executive Engineer, Buildings and Roads Division, PWD, Karaikal, invites on behalf of the President of India, online bids for the following Work:

Tender No.39. Name of Work: **Construction of three storied building for OPD block at Community Health Centre, Thenoor, Thirunallar Commune, Karaikal.** Estimate Cost: **Rs.9,57,81,952/-** (inclusive of GST). Earnest Money: **Rs.19,15,639/-** Period of Completion: Fifteen (15) Months (Including Monsoon period). Last time & date of submission of tender upto **4.00 P.M. on 10-12-2025.**

The bid forms and other details can be obtained from the website **www.pudutenders.gov.in.**

No: 305/DIP/KKL/ADVT/2025

-Sd/
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER-B&R
P.W.D., KARAIKAL

राजस्थान युवा बोर्ड
(युवा मामले एवं खेल विभाग, राजस्थान सरकार)
सवाई मानसिंह स्टेडियम, प्रथम तल, जयपुर टेलीफैक्स 0141-2741489

क्रमांक :- प. 01(15)रायुबो/2025-26/00021-7863630/राजकाज 18986294 — जयपुर, दिनांक :- 24/11/2025

ई-निविदा सूचना संख्या 05/2025-26

राज्य सरकार की बजट घोषणा वर्ष 2025–26 बिन्दु संख्या 13 राज्य स्तरीय ''राजस्थान युवा महोत्सव'' का भव्य एवं सफल आयोजन हेतु ईवेन्ट मैनेजमेंट (EVENT MANAGEMENT) के सम्पूर्ण कार्य हेतु दक्ष, प्रतिष्ठित व अनुभवी फर्मों/संस्था/कम्पनी से निर्धारित प्रपत्र में ई–प्रोक्योरमेन्ट प्रक्रिया द्वारा ई–निविदा सूचना संख्या 05/2025–26, दिनांक 15.12.2025 को दोपहर 3.00 बजे तक आंमत्रित की जाती है। निविदा से संबंधित पूर्ण विवरण राजस्थान युवा बोर्ड की वेबसाइट **www.youthboard.rajasthan.gov.in** लोक उपापन पार्टल **http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in** एवं e-procurement portal **http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in** पर देखा जा सकता है।

राज.संवाद/सी/25/14526 — सदस्य सचिव

THE NATIONAL SMALL INDUSTRIES CORPORATION LIMITED
(A Government of India Enterprise)
CIN:- U74140DL1955GOI002481

NSIC invites online bids on GeM Portal for the following RFPs:

1. Automation & Mechatronics Training Lab Equipment at NTSC, Bodh Gaya (GeM BID No.: GEM/2025/B/6919449)
2. Additive Manufacturing – 3D Printing, Design & Reverse Engineering Training Lab Equipment at NTSC, Bodh Gaya (GeM BID No.: GEM/2025/B/6919000)

For further details may please refer following web links:

https://bidplus.gem.gov.in/all-bids OR **https://www.nsic.co.in/Tenders/Index**

Last date for submission: 12.12.2025

(All updates/ corrigenda will be published only on the above links.)

Government of Karnataka
Karnataka Maritime Board
[Erstwhile: Infrastructure Development Department, Ports and Inland Water Transport Department]
Third Floor, West Entrance, Khanija Bhavan, Race Course Road, Bengaluru-560001

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The Karnataka Maritime Board (KMB), hereby invites **"OPERATING BERTH AT OLD MANGALORE PORT (BENGRE SIDE), KARNATAKA UNDER PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP (PPP) MODEL ON RENOVATE, OPERATE, MAINTAIN AND TRANSFER (ROMT) BASIS"**

The RFP and other document can be downloaded from e-procurement portal of Government of Karnataka **(https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in)** from **24.11.2025** onwards. The last date for submission of bids is **23.12.2025 till 17:30 Hrs.** Any further changes pertaining to the RFP will be uploaded in e-procurement platform only.

Contact Details: Office of Chief Executive Officer, Karnataka Maritime Board, Aligadda, Baithkol, Karwar-581302

Phone: 08382-221494; & E-mail: piwtdev.wks@gmail.com/ ceokmb2019@gmail.com

DIPR/KWR/KSMCA/755/25-26 Dt: 24.11.2025

Sd/- Port Engineer,
Karnataka Maritime Board, Karwar

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN : U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No. CEE/T&P/SE-2/2025-26/7194-206 — Date: 25.11.2025

BRIEF SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(THROUGH KARNATAKA PUBLIC PROCUREMENT PORTAL ONLY)

Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited invites Bids on electronic mode for the following works against following enquiry number on **Partial Turnkey basis.**

Enquiry No / Name of the work
KPTCL/2025-26/SS/WORK_INDENT3018
Establishing 2x160MVA, 220/110kV & 1X10MVA, 110/11kV sub-station at **Hungund (Amaravathi)** in Hungund Taluk, Bagalkot District with associated 220kV lines for a distance of 43.993km and 110kV line for a distance of 6.958km along with construction 2no's. of 220kV Terminal Bays.

The bids will be received through electronic tendering mode only. The details regarding participation in the e-tendering process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink 'E Procurement KPTCL' or **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in on or after 02.12.2025 @ 15:00hrs.** Last date & time for receipt of Bids **23.12.2025 @ 15:00hrs Any extension of Due date for Bid submission will be intimated in the Karnataka Public Procurement portal.** Any details required in this regard can also be obtained from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

All Corrigendum/Addendums shall be noticed by the bidders before the last date of submission of the Bids.

Sd/- Chief Engineer, Electy.,
Tendering & Procurement, KPTCL, 3rd Floor,
Kaveri Bhavan, Bengaluru-560 009. Tel: 080 – 22274744

NOTICE INVITING BID
Odisha State Medical Corporation Limited (OSMCL)
In front of Ram Mandir, Convent Square, Unit-III, Bhubaneswar-751001
Tel.:(0674) 2380950; Website: www.osmcl.nic.in ; Email : drugs-osmcl@od.gov.in

Bid Ref.No.:OSMCL/2025-26/Factor/08 — **Date : 24/11/2025**

Online Bids through **e-Tender portal (https://tendersodisha.gov.in)** are invited from eligible bidders for **supply of Inj.Factor VIII (EHL & VWF) for the year 2025-26 as per the particulars mentioned below:**

Sl. No.	Particulars	Date and time	
1.	Date & time of release of bid	24/11/2025, 3 PM	
2.	Date & time for submission of queries by E-Mail id - **drugs-osmcl@od.gov.in**	25/11/2025, up to 5:00 PM	
3.	Date & time of Online bid submission	Start Date & Time	End Date & Time
		26/11/2025, 3 PM	05/12/2025, 6.00 PM
4.	Date & time for submission of Tender Documents, Tender Document Fee and EMD amount as per section-IV of tender document	Start Date & Time	End Date & Time
		06/12/2025, 10 AM	12/12/2025,11.00 AM
5.	Date & time of Online Technical bid Opening	12/12/2025, 11:30 AM	
6.	Date of opening of Price Bid	To be informed to the qualified bidders	

The bid document with all information relating to the bidding process including cost of bid document, EMDs, Prequalification criteria and terms & conditions are available in the websites: **www.osmcl.nic.in** and **https://tendersodisha.gov.in** . The Authority reserves the right to accept / reject any part thereof or all the bids without assigning any reason thereof. All notice will be published in the OSMCL website **www.osmcl.nic.in**. Hence the bidders are requested to visit OSMCL website **www.osmcl.nic.in** time to time for any published notice against the tender.

CAD-2425 :

Sd/-
Managing Director, OSMC Ltd., Odisha

Rajasthan Urban Drinking Water Sewerage and Infrastructure Corporation Ltd.
Old Working Women Hostel, Behind Nehru Place, Lal Kothi, Tonk Road, Jaipur, Ph: 0141- 2742240, 2742538, 2742263, E-mail: ruifdco@gmail.com, rudsico@rajasthan.gov.in, Web: urban.rajasthan.gov.in/rudsico

F18 (52) RUDSICO/AMRUT-2.0/2022-23/Tender/7728 — Date :- 21/11/2025

Short Term NIT **NIB No. 11/2025-26**

Notice inviting online bids for Formulation Master Plans in GIS format and Creation of Urban Geodatabase for Towns under AMRUT 2.0

Rajasthan Urban Drinking Water Sewerage & infrastructure Corporation Limited (RUDSICO), a Government of Rajasthan undertaking, invites online unconditional bids on behalf of the Governor of Rajasthan through e-procurement portal http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in from eligible bidders in accordance with the RTPP Act 2012 and RTPP Rules 2013, amended up to date, and under Open Competitive Bidding (OCB) National with single stage-two envelope Bidding procedure for following works:-

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Cost (In Lakh)	Bid Security (In Lakh)	Period of completion
	Formulation Master Plans in GIS format and Creation of Urban Geodatabase for Towns under AMRUT 2.0,			
1	Package -1	8.70	17.40	12 Months
2	Package -2	9.93	19.86	12 Months
3	Package -3	12.52	25.04	12 Months
4	Package -4	6.16	12.32	12 Months
5	Package -5	6.65	13.30	12 Months

The details of NIB can be seen at e-procurement portal of state government sppp.rajasthan.gov.in and eproc.rajasthan.gov.in from date 24.11.2025 at 1700 Hours till the end date of online submission of bids i.e. 08.12.2025 up to 1500 Hours. Any subsequent addendum/corrigendum shall be published only at the e-procurement portal.

NIB Code : RDP2526A0029

UBN No. : RDP2526SLOB00082, RDP2526SLOB00083, RDP2526SLOB00084, RDP2526SLOB00085, RDP2526SLOB00086

Raj.Samwad/C/25/14519

Executive Director
RUDSICO, Jaipur

INBRIEF

Army chief pays homage to Operation Pawan bravehearts

Chief of the Army Staff General Upendra Dwivedi on Tuesday paid homage to soldiers who laid down their lives during Operation Pawan, the 1987 Indian Peace Keeping Force mission in Sri Lanka. A senior official said that until now only the families of the fallen soldiers and veterans who served in the operation gathered at the National War Memorial to mark the anniversary. Along with General Dwivedi, Lieutenant-General Pushpendra Singh, Vice Chief of the Army, who himself participated in the operation as a young officer, participated in the ceremony. The Army chief laid a wreath honouring the bravehearts who made the supreme sacrifice.

Bihar govt. asks Rabri Devi to vacate official residence

Former Bihar Chief Minister Rabri Devi was served notice on Tuesday to vacate her official residence, 10 Circular Road, where she has been living with her husband and RJD chief Lalu Prasad, and other family members, for almost two decades. The Building Construction Department (BCD) has allotted Ms. Devi a new official bungalow – 39 Harding Road. Sources in the government told *The Hindu* that the new allotment has been made in accordance with a 2019 Patna High Court ruling which had quashed "lifetime bungalow allocations for former Chief Ministers as misuse of public funds".

Custodial torture: SC raps govt. over CCTV compliance

The court is re-examining level of compliance shown by States and Centre to a 2020 judgment, making CCTV cameras mandatory at police stations and offices of law enforcement agencies

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

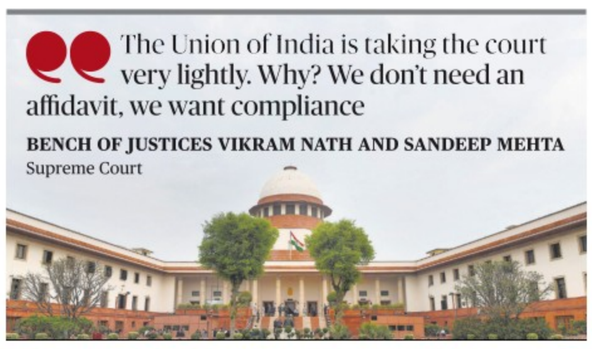
The Centre's lack of response to a judicial direction to install CCTV cameras in the offices of agencies like the CBI, ED, and the NIA to prevent custodial torture prompted the Supreme Court on Tuesday to ask if it was taking the top court "very lightly".

It has been five years since a Supreme Court judgment made it mandatory for the police and Central probe agencies to fix and maintain CCTV cameras at police stations and offices of Central law enforcement agencies with powers of "interrogation".

The court was shocked to discover that custodial cruelty had far from faded, with reports of 11 custodial deaths in eight months in Rajasthan.

A Bench of Justices Vikram Nath and Sandeep Mehta chose to *suo motu* re-examine the level of compliance shown by States, Union Territories, and the Centre to the 2020 judgment of the court.

> The Union of India is taking the court very lightly. Why? We don't need an affidavit, we want compliance
>
> **BENCH OF JUSTICES VIKRAM NATH AND SANDEEP MEHTA**
> Supreme Court



However, the Bench on Tuesday found that the response to its concern from the States and Union Territories was at best lukewarm, with only 11 of them condescending to even file compliance reports. The Centre did not file one.

"The Union of India is taking the court very lightly. Why?" Justice Nath asked.

Solicitor-General Tushar Mehta, for the Centre, vehemently denied, saying "not at all... The Union is not taking the court lightly, 'very' or any other way. We will file an affidavit".

Justice Mehta corrected him, saying "not an affidavit, but compliance". Justice Mehta referred to the custodial death statistics from Rajasthan, saying "nobody will tolerate that now".

Mr. Mehta agreed, but submitted that CCTVs outside police stations could also prove counter-productive. He seemed to be presenting the security point of view. Justice Mehta said police stations were live-streamed in the United States. The Solicitor-General replied that there were also "private resort-type jails in America".

Sarcastic comment

"Mr. Mehta is being sarcastic," Justice Nath noted. The court pointed to more open correction centres or jails to shrink over-crowding and reduce the financial burden of running prisons. The top law officer said he would consult the American system. Justice Mehta responded that the ideas already enumerated in India were quite sufficient. The Solicitor-General was given further time to file a response. The court ordered that the Directors of the three Central agencies and Principal Home Secretaries of the remaining States and Union Territories would have to personally respond if compliance is not filed before the next hearing on December 19.

In 2020, a three-judge Bench headed by Justice Rohinton F. Nariman (now retired), in *Paramvir Singh Saini versus Baljit Singh*, had directed the Centre to compulsorily install CCTV cameras and recording equipment in police stations as a deterrent against custodial torture.

The court had ordered similar surveillance in the offices of central agencies which conducts any kind of interrogations.

The CCTVs and recording equipment, the court had reasoned in 202, would be used as a safeguard to protect the fundamental right to dignity and life.

SC upholds dismissal of Christian officer from Indian Army

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday upheld the dismissal of a Christian Army officer who refused to enter the *sanctum sanctorum* of his regiment's temple to perform pooja, saying that he had used his "personal understanding" of what his religion permits to break military discipline and, in the process, insulted his troops.

"Leaders have to lead by example. You insulted your troops. When a pastor, a leader of your faith, counselled you that it was alright, you should have left it at that. You were cantankerous... You cannot have your private understanding of what your religion permits. That too, in uniform," Chief Justice of India Surya Kant, accompanied by Justice Joymalya Bagchi on the Bench, remarked.

The Chief Justice described the refusal of Samuel Kamalesan, the petitioner, to participate in the regimental religious activity as the "grossest kind of indiscipline". "You may be outstanding in 100 things, but the Indian Army is known for its secular approach... You have failed to respect the sentiments of your own soldiers," the Chief Justice said.

Fundamental rights

Justice Bagchi asked senior advocate Gopal Sankaranarayanan, who appeared for Mr. Kamalesan, to point out which Christian religious text barred a follower from entering a temple.

Mr. Sankaranarayanan argued that the fundamental right of his client to practise a religion under Article 25 of the Constitution cannot be taken away merely because he had joined the Armed Forces.

"Article 25 protects essential religious features, not every sentiment," Justice Bagchi responded.

The Army, represented by Additional Solicitor-General Aishwarya Bhati, submitted that Mr. Kamalesan had not attended mandatory regimental parades despite several attempts by officers to advise him. His conduct had weakened unit cohesion, he said.

The Delhi High Court had upheld the Army's action in a judgment in May, which held that Mr. Kamalesan "kept his religion above a lawful command from his superior. This clearly is an act of indiscipline".

Toxic air is a year-round blight in nearly 60% of Indian districts: study

Jacob Koshy
NEW DELHI

People in 60% of India's districts are exposed to polluted air all through the year, not just in winter, according to an analysis by a research body published on Tuesday. This means that 447 of 749 districts recorded concentrations of particulate matter (PM2.5) – toxic chemical and organic particles – that exceed the annual safe values prescribed by the National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS).

Not a single district in the country reported concentrations within the World Health Organisation (WHO) guideline of 5 microgram per cubic metre, which is about eight times more stringent than India's standards (40 microgram per cubic metre), according to the Centre for Research on Energy and Clean Air analysis. The study underlines the fact that exposure to significant air pollution is not restricted to winter alone as is commonly believed.

Left breathless: Delhi and Assam with 11 districts each accounted for nearly half of the top 50 most polluted districts. FILE PHOTO

The maximum number of polluted districts are concentrated in a few States. Delhi (11 districts) and Assam (11 districts) alone accounted for nearly half of the top 50 most polluted districts, followed by Bihar and Haryana with seven each. Other States with significant numbers include Uttar Pradesh (four), Tripura (three), Rajasthan (two), and West Bengal (two).

Cleaner States

On the other hand, the majority of districts in Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Kerala, Sikkim, Goa, Karnataka, and Tamil Nadu have population-exposure numbers within the NAAQS-prescribed limits. "These patterns highlight the continued dominance of northern and eastern States in India's PM2.5 pollution hotspots, while southern and coastal regions remain relatively cleaner," the authors Manojkumar N. and Monish Raj say in their analysis, which is not a peer-reviewed paper. Population-exposure numbers can differ from ambient concentration numbers.

The winter months of December, January, and February are still the most polluted. About 82% (616 of 749 districts) of districts recorded values breaching the national standard during this season, as emissions increase and stagnant weather traps pollutants near the surface. The monsoon season (June-September) brings significant improvement, with 90% of districts (675 of 749) reporting concentrations within safe limits.

Rajnath seeks global collaboration for boosting maritime capabilities

Saurabh Trivedi
NEW DELHI

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Tuesday urged international partners to collaborate with India in developing next-generation maritime capabilities, highlighting the country's advancing shipbuilding ecosystem.

Delivering the keynote address at Samudra Utkarsh, a seminar organised by the Department of Defence Production in Delhi, he asked global stakeholders to tap into India's potential in co-building sustainable technologies and resilient supply chains for an innovative, inclusive and secure maritime future.

The Minister said India was ready to help shape the "maritime century" by "building not only ships, but trust; not only platforms, but partnerships". He highlighted India's integrated end-to-end shipbuilding ecosystem, where every stage – from concept design and modular construction to outfitting, repairs and full lifecycle support – is indigenously developed and executed. This ecosystem, he noted, was powered by public and private shipyards supported by thousands of MSMEs that form a strong value chain.

Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan at Samudra Utkarsh in New Delhi. ANI

Mr. Singh pointed to India's world-class platforms – such as the first indigenous aircraft carrier *INS Vikrant*, Kalvari-class submarines, and a variety of stealth frigates and destroyers – as evidence of the nation's growing technological maturity, design capability and systems integration expertise.

The Minister commended the private sector for emerging as a force multiplier by building green-fuel vessels, LNG carriers, Ro-Ro ships, and energy-efficient commercial platforms for domestic and international clients.

This comprehensive capability, he said, positioned India to become a major global hub for shipbuilding, ship repair, and maritime innovation in the coming decade.

He emphasised that every ship currently under construction for the Indian Navy and the Coast Guard was being built at Indian shipyards, reaffirming the vision of Aatmanirbhar Bharat.

Mr. Singh said the Navy had 262 indigenous design and development projects under progress, with some shipyards nearing 100% indigenous content, ensuring minimal supply-chain disruptions. He expressed confidence that India's commercial fleet too would soon be fully built domestically.

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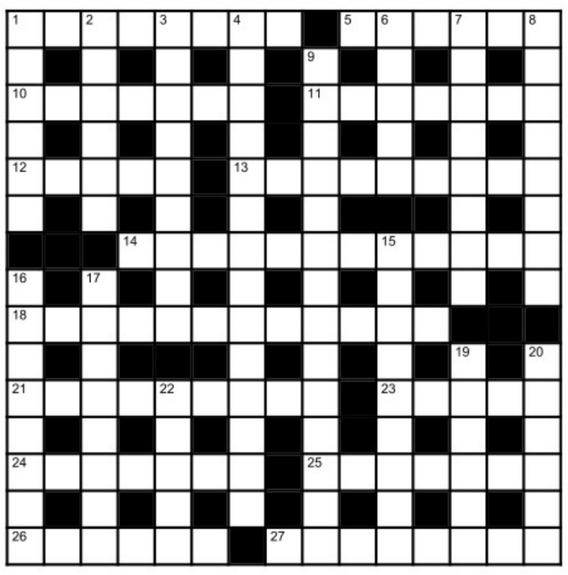

Across

1 Mean American in charge, ultimately vindictive (8)
5 Short programme on detectives is cool (6)
10 Dog found in Japan perhaps (7)
11 Treated mumps after posh lady in retreat makes single payment of money (4,3)
12 Pancake left in receptacle on island (5)
13 Sucking up whiskey in fine retro bar with old group (9)
14/21 Sudden attack of wild irrationality that's caused by standing upside down (1,4,2,5,2,3,4)
18 Stupid, new president crushed by court action (6-6)
21 See 14
23 Small anchor close to thick line (5)
24 Disaster after husband starts to eat narcotic plant that's poisonous (7)
25 Men start to analyse British politician's rhetoric (7)
26 Exhausted and miserable, having lost pep (6)
27 A little error by princess on programme can be corrected (8)

Down

1 Drink in magnificent bar inside big emporium at launch (6)
2 Desire to obtain mule and African mammal (6)
3 Awfully egocentric model dismissed caretaker (9)
4 Bumpkin in his estate, very boisterous and friendly (5,2,7)
6 Member beginning to observe West Indian dance (5)
7 Very strong criminal holding a whip (4-4)
8 Dig some dirt at premiere about heroes (8)
9 Be unsure and bend to check letter at the top on both the taps (4,3,3,4)
15 Busy baker quickly making morning meal (9)
16 Jumps with eagerness after wife cuts cake in retreat (8)
17 Weaken, overwhelmed by drink frequently (6,2)
19 Drops at the edges inside a sphere accumulate on surface (6)
20 Enter text again and your password at first to enter network (6)
22 Pick up some apparel at emporium (5)

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Solution to previous puzzle

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

A jnani is discovered

Kanda Kottam is a temple for Lord Murugan in a busy commercial area of Chennai. Thirupporur, near Chennai, has a Murugan temple. Devotees from Chennai used to visit Thirupporur often. One such devotee was Mari Chettiar. One night he had a dream, in which Murugan told him about a vigraha of His. Following the instructions given in the dream, Mari Chettiar found the idol, and built the Kanda Kottam temple. Another version says it was a Sivachariyar who found the idol. Lord Murugan is known as Muthukumaraswamy and Kandaswamy in Kanda Kottam. The pond in the temple is known as Saravana Poigai, and it never runs dry, said Desa Mangaiyarkkarasi in a discourse.

Saint Valallar worshipped in Kanda Kottam often. When his brother Sabhapathi Pillai asked him to leave the house, Vallalar, only seven years old, came to Kanda Kottam. Kanchipuram Ashtavadana Sabhapathi Mudaliar, who was Sabhapathi Pillai's guru, found Vallalar sitting near the temple pond. Vallalar's answers to the guru's questions showed Vallalar was a jnani. "Where do your words come from?" asked the guru. Vallalar said his words came from Lord Murugan. So, Kanda Kottam has the distinction of revealing to the world the jnani that Vallalar was. One day Vallalar heard children reciting simple lines, which urge us not to abstain from learning, not to neglect our mothers and so on. Vallalar wondered why children should study a set of instructions that told them what not to do. So, he composed prayers to Murugan, which had a positive note in them. He prayed, "Let me always praise You. Let me keep away from dishonest people."

INBRIEF

Tata Motors PV launches all-new Sierra at ₹11.49 lakh

Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles Ltd. (TMPV) has announced the launch of the all-new Tata Sierra SUV at an aggressive introductory price of ₹11.49 lakh. The Sierra has been introduced in three powertrains - two petrol and one diesel engine. Sierra EVs will be launched in the next financial year. "This is the first car with 5G connectivity in the ICE world. It has three screen infotainment and level 2 plus ADAS," said Shailesh Chandra, MD & CEO, TMPV.

Mahindra to set up 1,000 charging points by 2027

Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd. has announced plans to set up 250 electric vehicle charging stations with over 1,000 charging points by the end of 2027. Mahindra's Charge_IN network will exclusively feature 180 kW dual gun chargers designed to deliver faster, convenient, and reliable charging for electric four-wheelers. The Charge_IN stations will be positioned along major highway corridors and co-located with wayside amenities such as restaurants, M&M said.

IndoSpace Core acquires 6 logistics parks worth ₹3,000 cr.

IndoSpace Core on Tuesday announced the acquisition of six industrial and logistics parks valued at ₹3,000 crore (471 million Canadian dollars). The six parks, located across key logistics markets, including Bengaluru, Chennai, Delhi, Mumbai, and Pune, collectively span 380 acres with a leasable area of around 9 million sq ft feet, the company said. IndoSpace Core is co-owned by IndoSpace and Canada Pension Plan Investment Board (CPP Investments). PTI

'Rupee is Asia's worst performing currency'

The domestic currency may slide to 90 against the USD if the trade deal with the U.S. does not happen in the near future, caution analysts

Lalatendu Mishra
MUMBAI

Currency cauldron: The rupee's trajectory now hinges on global dollar strength more than domestic fundamentals. REUTERS

At a sharp depreciation of 4.3% against the U.S. Dollar (USD) in this calendar year (January-December 2025), the Indian Rupee (INR) has become the worst performing currency in Asia, forex analysts said. It may further slide to 90 against the USD if the trade deal with the U.S. does not happen in near future, they cautioned.

Stating that the INR's performance has been weaker compared with peers like the Chinese Yuan and the Indonesian Rupiah, Akshat Garg, AVP, Choice Wealth said, "It is still faring better than structurally weak currencies like the Japanese Yen and Korean Won, which continue to battle domestic policy challenges."

"Overall, the rupee's trajectory now hinges on global dollar strength more than domestic fundamentals," he added.

According to Tanay Dalal, Senior V-P, Business & Economic Research, Axis Bank, the INR has been facing depreciation pressure for many months, not so much because of the current account which has been benign, but because of capital outflows.

"INR has weakened against Asia FX [foreign Exchange], but mostly against current account surplus countries. The INR has weakened 4% CYTD [Calendar Year-to-Date], as against 2.9% in IDR [Indonesian Rupiah] and 1.3% in PHP [Philippine Peso]," Mr. Dalal said.

Apart from this, the rest of the Asian currency complex has appreciated, largely driven by the CNY [Chinese Yuan] where the PBOC/SAFE [Currency Exchange policy of China's central bank] have been driving this through repeated intervention and signalling, he added.

The INR touched a new low vs the USD on November 21, 2025, as it went past the 88.8 levels (that the RBI had been defending in recent weeks) and touched 89.66 levels in the spot market. Since then, it has recouped some of its losses and was on Tuesday trading at 89.22 levels against the USD.

Sankar Chakraborti, MD & CEO, Acuité Ratings and Research said, "The 3.6% appreciation of the USD over the last two months has put pressure on most currencies, including the INR. India is facing twin external shocks: U.S. tariffs and high precious metal prices. The combination of adverse geo-economic and geopolitical environments is weighing upon India's merchandise trade deficit."

Trump tariff impact

"The sharp depreciation of the INR is the consequence of the cumulative impact of several factors. First and foremost, the Trump administration imposed 50% tariff on India hurting her exports. This led to a record $41.7 billion trade deficit in October triggering a rupee slide," said V.K. Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist, Geojit Investments Ltd.

"Secondly, the sharp spike in gold price this year has triggered huge investment in gold and Gold ETFs leading to 200% increase in demand for gold in October causing the gold import bill to spike to $14.72 billion in October," Mr. Vijayakumar added.

Net FDI negative for second straight month in September

T.C.A. Sharad Raghavan
NEW DELHI

More investment left the country than entered it for the second month in a row in September, with latest data from the Reserve Bank of India showing net foreign direct investment (FDI) stood at -$2.4 billion.

In other words, the sum of money repatriated out of the country by foreign companies here, and invested abroad by Indian companies, was $2.4 billion more than the foreign investment entering India in September 2025, an analysis of the data by *The Hindu* showed.

The data show that gross FDI coming into India stood at $6.6 billion in September 2025, about 4.3% higher than in September last year. In fact, this amount was 9.1% higher than it was in August.

However, these relatively strong inflows were outpaced by the outflows, particularly when it came to foreign investments done by Indian companies.

So, while the repatriation of profits by foreign companies doing business in India shrank by 0.2% in September 2025 to $5.2 billion, the amount invested abroad by Indian companies grew 64.4% to $3.8 billion during the same period.

Taken together, this meant that a total of $9 billion of direct investment left the country in September 2025, compared with the $6.6 billion that entered it that month. The difference between these two figures, the net FDI amount, therefore stood at a negative $2.4 billion. The net FDI figure was negative in August 2025 as well, at -$0.6 billion. It is important to note that these figures refer to direct investment, which constitutes investment into assets, rather than portfolio investment, which has to do with shares in a company.

However, the analysis also shows that the FDI picture looks better when looked at over a longer period. For example, gross FDI was 15.4% higher in the July-September 2025 quarter than in the same quarter of the previous year.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	TUESDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	84,587	-0.37
US Dollar	89.22	-0.06
Gold	1,28,900	2.79
Brent oil	61.94	-1.47

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	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	2332.90	-66.30
Adani Ports	1483.90	-2.00
Apollo Hosp	7330.50	-24.00
Asian Paints	2875.80	-3.40
Axis Bank	1266.30	-2.70
Bajaj Auto	9048.00	40.50
Bajaj Finserv	2030.20	-0.60
Bajaj Finance	986.20	-7.80
Bharat Elec	410.25	6.45
Bharti Airtel	2161.60	9.50
Cipla	1507.50	3.50
Coal India	370.05	-2.50
Dr Reddys Lab	1236.10	9.90
Eicher Motors	7218.50	-40.00
Eternal Ltd.	302.30	1.30
Grasim Ind	2686.80	-1.90
HCL Tech	1601.10	-9.30
HDFC Bank	989.80	-9.35
HDFC Life	766.55	4.90
Hindalco	789.35	14.70
Hind Unilever	2414.10	-10.10
ICICI Bank	1357.80	-10.60
IntGlobeAvi	5775.00	-30.50
Infosys	1530.60	-17.40
ITC	400.80	-2.75
Jio Financial Services Ltd.	300.80	0.95
JSW Steel	1112.00	6.00
Kotak Bank	2069.90	-17.40
L&T	3996.70	-16.60
M&M	3669.30	-21.50
Maruti Suzuki	15889.00	-69.00
Max Healthcare	1158.10	2.30
NestleIndia	1263.20	-6.00
NTPC	323.70	0.25
ONGC	245.35	-0.40
PowerGrid Corp	273.45	-2.35
Reliance Ind	1539.70	3.80
SBI Life	2031.00	16.20
State Bank	983.60	13.00
Shriram Finance Ltd.	838.25	10.05
Sun Pharma	1776.80	-4.00
TataConsumerProduct	1177.70	-8.30
Tata Steel	166.33	0.97
TCS	3119.20	-22.00
Tech Mahindra	1494.70	0.00
Titan	3855.10	-19.20
Tata Motors PV	352.45	-5.85
Trent Ltd.	4243.90	-67.00
UltraTech Cement	11580.00	-4.00
Wipro	245.64	-1.63

IOB to get tax refund of ₹835 cr.

Indian Overseas Bank has informed the BSE that it will receive an income tax refund of ₹835.08 crore for the assessment year 2022-23. The refund amount includes interest payable under Section 244A.

The Hindu Best Places to Work Awards 2026

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Artificial Intelligence (AI) has been reshaping and transforming Indian businesses by impacting back office operations to boardroom strategies, as per WorkL, an employee engagement platform that surveys and tracks employee well-being across enterprises.

It further said, recent employee surveys indicate that both employees and employers were largely positive about AI's effects on performance and working conditions, especially in manufacturing and finance sectors.

The Hindu Best Places to Work Awards are open for enterprises across India. Businesses enrolling in it will not only understand their own Flight Risk (attrition) score, but also be able to gauge overall employee engagement score, their Confidence in Management indicator, NPS (net promoter score), six steps to workplace engagement scores and will also have data benchmarked against global industry scores.

The deadline for entry is February 28, 2026 and survey results will be in early 2026.

Scan QR code to register to attend a 45-minute webinar on November 26 at 3 pm IST, conducted by Stuart Duncan (Head of Commercial, WorkL for Business) and Ayisha Beevi (WorkL Marketing).

Slash tariff on aluminium, ASMA appeals to Centre

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

Primary aluminium, accounting for 80% of output cost for makers, attracts 7.5% import duty

The Aluminium Secondary Manufacturers Association (ASMA), a body of downstream manufacturers and MSMEs, has appealed to the Centre to reduce the import duty on primary aluminium.

Primary aluminium, which accounts for 80% of production cost for the manufacturers, attracts a 7.5% import duty. The consequential increase in selling price makes it difficult for aluminium downstream product makers to compete globally.

Challenges galore

"The downstream sector is currently reeling under significant challenges that threaten the viability to compete since we are losing market access both domestically and internationally," Association patron Anil Agarwal said.

In a representation to Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal, ASMA cited how free trade agreements such as the ASEAN-India pact allowed finished goods to enter India at zero duty, undercutting local makers who buy raw material at 7.5% duty-inclusive price. Such distortion places downstream makers at a distinct cost disadvantage.

'GST cut, monsoon, better reservoir levels to boost farm gear demand'

Mini Tejaswi
BENGALURU

The overall market outlook for farm equipment and agriculture machinery in the second part of FY26 seems very positive, said Antony Cherukara, CEO, VST Tillers Tractors Ltd.

"A favourable monsoon, improved reservoir levels, and the recent GST reduction on farm machinery are expected to significantly increase rural consumption of farm equipment and boost mechanisation in the country's agriculture sector," he told *The Hindu*.

VST has seen an uptick in orders in the last two months.

He said the farm segment was doing well this year, helped by supportive policies and enhanced affordability of farm machinery for small and marginal farmers. The growth momentum was continuing in November as well, he said.

Demand trigger

"We expect the second half of the fiscal to perform better than H1. Plus, the reduction of GST on farm machinery from 12% to 5% has already begun to trigger demand and will have a sustained positive impact, especially in the second half of the year."

"The GST cut directly supports the smaller farmer," he said, adding the benefit would be felt most in smaller horsepower categories such as 20 HP and below tractors, power tillers and power weeders.

"The overall tractor industry grew by more than 14% in October year-on-year. Power tiller sales have shown even stronger momentum. We sold 4,077 power tillers in October compared with 1,700 in the same month a year ago."

VST Tillers, which closed last year selling 37,000 power tillers, expects an offtake of more than 45,000 power tillers by the end of the year.

Tractor sales, too, are expected to climb 10% domestically this year, touching more than 6,000 units compared with more than 5,000 last year.

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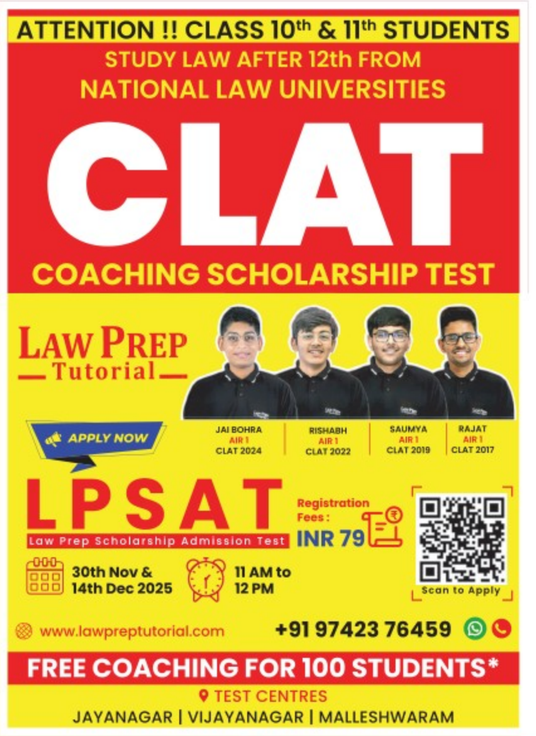

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WASHINGTON

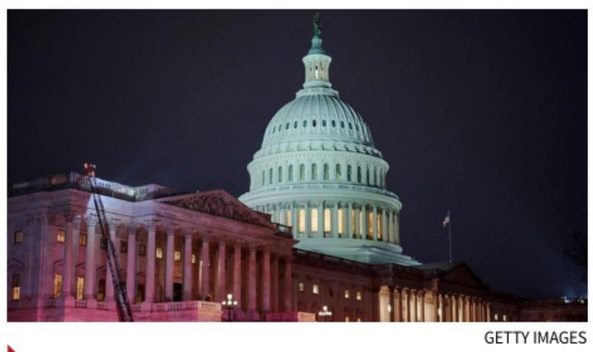
U.S. and Russia hold discussions in Abu Dhabi to advance peace plan

AFP

U.S. Army Secretary Dan Driscoll met Russian officials in Abu Dhabi on Monday and Tuesday, aiming to advance President Trump's drive to end the war in Ukraine. U.S. and Ukrainian officials are trying to narrow the gaps between them over a peace plan, with core issues still unresolved. REUTERS

WASHINGTON

U.S. govt. says it ended protected status for Myanmar immigrants



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The Trump administration announced on Monday that it ended Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for about 4,000 Myanmar immigrants in the U.S., citing improved governance, planned elections, and ceasefire progress. TPS previously shielded them from deportation after Myanmar's 2021 military coup. AFP

CAIRO

Amnesty International accuses RSF of committing war crimes

REUTERS

Amnesty International on Tuesday said that RSF atrocities in Sudan's El-Fasher, including executions, rape and hostage-taking, amount to war crimes in the ongoing war. The UAE is accused of facilitating RSF abuses, which it denies, as Sudan's devastating conflict continues to kill thousands and displace millions. AP

LAGOS

Nigerian police say 10 people kidnapped in country's west

REUTERS

Gunmen seized 10 women and children from a village in Nigeria's western Kwara state, police said on Tuesday, the latest kidnapping to rock the country. The state police commissioner said the attackers were herders who had "shot sporadically" during the Monday night raid on the village of Isapa. AFP

Pak. air strikes killed 10 people, mostly children, says Afghanistan

Pakistan bombed the home of a civilian in Khost, killing nine children and a woman, and carried out additional strikes in Kunar and Paktika, injuring four others, say Taliban; Kabul vowed to give the 'necessary response at the appropriate time'

Associated Press
KABUL

Afghanistan's Taliban government on Tuesday accused Pakistan of launching overnight strikes in three eastern provinces, killing 10 civilians, including nine children, in a sign of worsening tensions between the two neighbours.

Zabihullah Mujahid, the chief spokesperson for the Afghan government, said on X that Pakistan "bombed" the home of a civilian in Khost province, killing nine children and a woman. He said additional strikes were carried out in the provinces of Kunar and Paktika, injuring four other people. Mr. Mujahid described the attacks as "atrocities," and said the strikes were "a violation of Afghan territory." Afghanistan, he added in his post on X, "considers the use of its airspace and territory and defence of its people to be its legitimate right, and at the appropriate time, it will give the necessary response."

Tensions high: Afghan men search through the rubble at the site of an overnight attack on a home in Khost province on Tuesday. AP

Pakistan's military and government did not immediately comment on the allegation, which comes more than a month after cross-border clashes erupted when the Afghan government claimed Pakistani drone strikes hit Kabul.

However, the ceasefire brokered by Qatar and Turkey between the two sides in October was still holding on Tuesday despite the alleged overnight strikes by Pakistan deep inside Afghanistan. There was no immediate comment from Qatar and Turkey.

In Khost, residents combed through the rubble of the destroyed home, retrieving belongings.

"You see the cruelty with your own eyes, that young children, a woman and nine children, were martyred," said Muhammad Iqbal, who said the dead were his cousin's family.

The latest escalation follows a deadly attack a day earlier in Pakistan's northwestern city of Peshawar, where two suicide bombers and a gunman stormed the headquarters of the Federal Constabulary. Three officers were killed and 11 others were wounded in the Monday morning attack.

No group has claimed responsibility for the Peshawar attack, but suspicion quickly fell on the Pakistani Taliban, or Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan.

Russian attacks kill at least seven, injure 20 in Ukraine

Associated Press
KYIV

Russia launched a wave of attacks on Ukraine's capital, Kyiv, overnight, with at least seven people killed in strikes that hit city buildings and energy infrastructure. A Ukrainian attack on southern Russia killed three people and damaged homes, authorities said.

The attacks came during a renewed U.S. push to end the war that has raged for nearly four years and talks about a U.S. peace plan. One of the Ukrainian delegates at Sunday's talks between the U.S. and Ukraine in Geneva, Oleksandr Bevz, said the numbers of points in the proposed settlement was reduced but he denied reports the 28-point U.S. peace plan now consisted of 19 points.

Critical hit: Law enforcement officers inspect a crater following Russian missiles and drones strikes in Kyiv on Tuesday. AFP

Russia fired 22 missiles of various types and over 460 drones at Ukraine overnight, Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy wrote on Telegram. The strikes knocked out water, electricity and heat in parts of Kyiv. Video footage posted to Telegram showed a large fire spreading in a nine-story residential building in Kyiv's eastern Dniprovskyi district.

Mayor Vitalii Klitschko said 20 people were injured in Kyiv. The Russian Defence Ministry said it targeted military-industrial facilities and energy assets. The strikes were a response to Ukrainian attacks on civilian objects in Russia, it added.

It was the fourth-largest Ukrainian drone attack on Russia, according to a tally.

Japan scrambles aircraft over 'Chinese drone' near Taiwan

Agence France-Presse
TOKYO

Japan said Tuesday it scrambled aircraft after detecting a suspected Chinese drone off an island near Taiwan that has been drawn into a weeks-long diplomatic spat between Tokyo and Beijing.

The drone was spotted off Japan's Yonaguni, an island where Tokyo is planning to deploy missiles in a move that has angered Beijing.

"We confirmed that an unmanned aerial vehicle believed to be Chinese, passed between Yonaguni Island and Taiwan on Monday," Japan's Defence Ministry said on X.

The regional Japan Air Self-Defence Forces "scrambled aircraft" in response, it said.

Beijing-Tokyo relations have soured this month, following remarks by Japanese Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi suggesting that Tokyo could intervene militarily in any attack on Taiwan.

Trump to name some chapters of Muslim Brotherhood as 'terrorist organisations'

Agence France-Presse
WASHINGTON

U.S. President Donald Trump on Monday signed an executive order to begin the process of designating certain chapters of the Muslim Brotherhood, an Islamist political group, as foreign terrorist organisations.

The order made specific mention of chapters in Lebanon, Egypt and Jordan.

Those chapters "engage in or facilitate and support violence and destabilisation campaigns that harm their own regions, United States citizens, and United States interests," the order said.

Flags of Jordan and Muslim Brotherhood being waved during a protest denouncing a U.S.-led meet, in Amman, Jordan. FILE PHOTO

The Muslim Brotherhood is a pan-Islamist organisation that was founded in Egypt in 1928 and spread to other countries in the Arab world.

Its founder, Egyptian schoolteacher Hassan al-Banna, believed that reviving Islamic principles in society could enable the Muslim world to resist Western colonialism.

U.S. designation as a foreign "terrorist" group allows Washington to take punitive measures such as freezing any assets the group might have in the United States and denying entry to group members.

The Muslim Brotherhood is already outlawed as a terrorist group in some countries such as Egypt and Saudi Arabia.

More recently, Jordan banned it in April of this year.

Pentagon says it is probing senator for 'illegal orders' video

Associated Press
WASHINGTON

The Pentagon announced on Monday it is investigating Democratic Senator Mark Kelly of Arizona over possible breaches of military law after the former Navy pilot joined a handful of other lawmakers in a video that called for troops to defy "illegal orders".

The Pentagon's statement, posted on social media, cited a federal law that allows retired service members to be recalled to active duty on orders of the Defense Secretary for possible court martial or other measures.

It is extraordinary for the Pentagon, which until President Donald Trump's second term had usually gone out of its way to act and appear apolitical, to directly threaten a sitting member of Congress with investigation. It comes after Mr. Trump ramped up the rhetoric by accusing the lawmakers of sedition "punishable by DEATH" in a social media post.

Sport

Wei and Sindarov head into the tie-break

CHESS WORLD CUP

P.K. Ajith Kumar
ARPORA (GOA)

Tie-break? Bring it on.

That has been a theme song at the Chess World Cup. Wei Yi and Javokhir Sindarov sang it rather well at Resort Rio on Tuesday. They agreed to a quick draw in the second classical game of the semifinal.

Their first game had also been drawn, but not as fast, and Wednesday's tie-break games – in rapid and then blitz if necessary – will now determine the champion. The second classical game proved shorter than a rapid one, in fact.

Wei and Sindarov needed just 24 minutes – and the minimum 30 moves – to finish their Four Knights Game. The players' approach to such a crucial game was not surprising, though.

The day's other game was just as important, if not more.

Andrey Esipenko and Nodirbek Yakubboev were fighting for a place in the Candidates tournament, the qualifier that would decide the World championship challenger – the top three from the World Cup get the ticket to Cyprus directly. And Esipenko won that game, and thus the match 2-0.

The results:

Final: Wei Yi (Chn) 1 drew with Javokhir Sindarov (Uzb) 1.

Third place playoff: Nodirbek Yakubboev (Uzb) 0 lost to Andrey Esipenko (Rus) 2.

Let's give South Africa credit for being the better all-round team

BETWEEN WICKETS
Suresh Menon

To lose one home Test might be a misfortune, but to lose possibly five is carelessness, to adapt Oscar Wilde.

So what ails India? When a team loses two home series (0-3 against New Zealand, possibly 0-2 against South Africa), there are multiple reasons.

But one that hasn't been emphasised enough in the recent setback is the obvious one: South Africa are the better team. The World Test champions have outplayed India in every department.

Simon Harmer is the finest off-spinner to have toured in a long time. It has been a treat watching him draw out the batter, play the angles, now spinning, now going straight through, at all times attacking. Modern spinners tend to focus on one of two things - spin or bounce. Harmer controls both with the easy confidence of someone with over a thousand First Class wickets.

What of team selection then? Could India have fielded a more balanced side, with specialists in each slot? Perhaps. But eight of the team pick themselves as the best at their jobs. Dhruv Jurel deserved a look-in for his recent record, especially against South Africa-A, and the Sai Sudarshan experiment at No. 3 needed to be persisted with, especially at home.

The loss of skipper and lead batter Shubman Gill certainly made a difference. He prefers the No. 4 slot, although he could be the ideal No.3. The Indian coach sees something in Nitish Reddy that is not apparent to the naked eye, but Nitish has the opportunity to turn things around on the final day, if against all odds India manage to draw the Test.

What about the coach? Gautam Gambhir is not above criticism. He gets defensive at media questions, has come into conflict with curators recently, and gives the impression of being somehow superior to those who ask questions of him.

None of this would have mattered had India won their home Tests, but when the results go against the team, the coach's attitude comes under the lens. At the best of times, he is a convenient scapegoat anyway.

Gambhir lacks the laissez-faire approach of Ravi Shastri or the respect that Rahul Dravid earned within the team and around the world.

Players are picked or dropped on the basis of runs scored or wickets taken, and sometimes on potential but for the coach there is only one measure: did his team win or lose? One of the hoariest traditions in sport is to sack the coach when a team loses; it can be a substitute for analysis, but equally, fresh blood can bring in fresh ideas and a different approach.

Coaches are only as good as their captains and captains are only as good as their bowlers. But that is not an excuse Gambhir can use because in this team he seems to have the loudest voice and the biggest say.

Whenever an Indian team does badly, there is talk of internal politics, favouritism, the coach's inability to unite the players. Sometimes of course it is just poor cricket that need not be the result of any of the above.

It is nobody's case that the Guwahati wicket was a batter's paradise when South Africa batted and turned into a nightmare when India did. International pitches do not transform as rapidly as heroines in a Bollywood song. Kuldeep Yadav said that when South Africa batted the pitch was a "road", unhelpful to bowlers (South Africa made 489).

The implication is that one man's road is another man's paddy field (on which India failed to make 210).

The time for excuses is over, although if the race to the World Test Championship final in 2027 gets trickier for India, you will hear plenty more. If there is a lesson it is this: India need to take their national championship more seriously.

The best players of spin are not in the Test team but making their runs in the Ranji Trophy.

Getting promoted from the IPL to the Test team has become more common, which is why defensive techniques are looked down upon. The almighty swipe is forgiven because it works four times out of ten.

Indian cricket needs to work its percentages better.

OPPORTUNITIES

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Indian employees volunteer hard, says a new study

Opportunities Desk

One in every three employees in Indian companies has participated in a volunteering activity in the last year, as opposed to one in five employees globally. That is an approximation of percentages-based data from Goodera's Volunteering Quotient (VQ) Report 2025. According to the report, 31% of the workforce in Indian companies have participated in a volunteering activity in the last year, surpassing the global benchmark of 22%.

The zeal for volunteering is greater in smaller firms (defined as those with fewer than 5000 employees). These firms report 44% workforce participation in volunteering activities. Sector leaders include technology (35%) and financial services (31%). This is also underscored by 3.5 hours per volunteer on an average, reflecting both depth of engagement and consistency across programmes.

The report notes that the Indian workforce being among the youngest in the world, with Gen Z and millennials together accounting for nearly 75% of employees, volunteering is bound to come into sharp focus. For these young employees, volunteering is a pathway to personal growth, purpose-driven leadership, and community connection.

Beyond this demographic and cultural shift, a set of clearly recognisable factors promote volunteering. They are: worsening mental health at workplaces, and organisational enablers such as volunteering platforms, policies and flagship volunteering campaigns.

In survival mode

More than 50% of Indian employees report operating in survival mode, driven by excessive workloads and a diminished sense of belonging. A landmark Oxford study by William Fleming underscores this trend, highlighting how volunteering improves mental health, combats loneliness and builds stronger workplace culture. With more employees reporting stress and disconnection at work, volunteering is emerging as a proven lever to foster belonging and wellbeing while allowing people to give back to society.

The VQ Report also shows that access drives action. Companies offering formal enablers see significantly higher participation. Volunteering Time-Off (VTO) raises workforce participation by 2x. Matching grants: increase participation from 21% to 60% (2.9x). Giving platforms lift participation from 30% to 43%. Flagship volunteering campaigns drive participation from 27% to 40%.

Overall, workforce participation in volunteering is 2x higher in companies with these enablers compared to peers without them, proving that structured support is key to scaling employee volunteering.

Bengaluru records the highest volunteer turnout per event with an average of 65 volunteers, followed closely by Pune (61) and Chennai (60)

City-level trends

Volunteering in India is also taking on a distinctly local flavour, with different cities shaping the movement in unique ways. According to the VQ Report 2025, Bengaluru records the highest volunteer turnout per event with an average of 65 volunteers, followed closely by Pune (61) and Chennai (60). These tech-driven hubs have emerged as the strongest centres of employee mobilisation, reflecting their younger, innovation-focused workforces.

Photo used for representational purpose.

"Volunteering is no longer about symbolic acts. It is becoming a platform where community needs are met, employees find purpose and future leaders are shaped," says Abhishek Humbad, founder and CEO, Goodera.

Twenty seven companies recognised as healthy workplaces

Arogya World, a non-profit organisation dedicated to preventing diabetes and other non-communicable diseases through health education and lifestyle change, announced India's 2025 Healthy Workplaces recently at the Global Summit and Healthy Workplace Awards event.

According to a press release, twenty-seven companies were recognised as Healthy Workplaces in the Bronze, Silver and Gold categories for their outstanding contributions to employee health.

These organisations underwent a rigorous evaluation process and were assessed on leadership commitment, physical and mental well-being initiatives and innovation in workplace health programmes, says the release.

The 2025 Healthy Workplaces include CEAT Tyres Chennai Plant, TVS Motor Company Limited (Mysuru Plant), Jindal Stainless Limited-Hisar, Asian Paints Limited Sriperumbudur Plant, Amazon Seller Services Private Limited, 3M India Limited, Upland Software India Private Limited, Shangri-La Bengaluru, Client Associates, TNQ Tech Private Limited, Wurth Information Technology India Private Limited, Freudenberg Gala Household Products Private Limited, Laurus Bio Private Limited, Brigade Enterprises Limited, The Leela Bhartiya City Bengaluru, GE Vernova (Wind Vadodara), Tata Motors Body Solutions Limited, O By Tamara Coimbatore, Grasim Pulp & Fibre-Harihar, Prudent Insurance Brokers Private Limited, Grasim Industries Limited Staple Fibre Division-Nagda.

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IT MATTERS

The toss had an effect on the game, reckons India all-rounder Jadeja

RITU RAJ KONWAR

Winning or losing the toss is part of the game. But there is an effect on the game. When you are bowling for the first time, when nothing is happening off the pitch, you will see the spinners as ordinary. But, when you are 300 runs ahead, then every bowler will seem big — Ravindra Jadeja.

ADAPTABLE

South Africa spinners are adept at bowling on good wickets: Conrad

RITU RAJ KONWAR

Back home, our spinners are forced to bowl with a little bit more guile and a little bit more variation. We can play with our flight and play with our lines and lengths a bit more. It has stood us in good stead coming here on a good wicket like this — South Africa coach Shukri Conrad.

SOLID SUPPORT

India's home Test failures not coach's fault: Raina backs Gambhir

RITU RAJ KONWAR

Suresh Raina backed India coach Gautam Gambhir, saying the team's recent poor run in home Tests cannot be attributed to the support staff. "Gambhir has worked really hard and he is not at fault at all. The players have to work really hard and play well. Under him we have been doing well in the white-ball format," said Raina.

RECOGNITION

Rohit named Brand Ambassador for the 2026 Men's T20 World Cup

FILE PHOTO

Rohit Sharma, part of both of India's Men's T20 World Cup wins (in 2007 and 2024) and the only player to feature in all nine editions, was unveiled as the Brand Ambassador for the 2026 T20 World Cup in India and Sri Lanka, becoming the first active international cricketer to hold such an ICC role.

Clinical Proteas on the cusp of glory

Eight Indian wickets stand between Bavuma's men and a 2-0 series sweep; Stubbs' stellar 94 helps the visitors declare at 260 for five, setting the hosts a humongous target of 549; the home team loses Jaiswal and Rahul in the second innings as it ends the penultimate day at 27 for two

SA IN INDIA

S. Dipak Ragav
GUWAHATI

South Africa held all the cards coming into day four of the second and final Test as it sought to press for its first series victory on Indian soil in 25 years.

Temba Bavuma's men were 314 runs in the green and had two full days to march towards victory.

The Proteas could dictate the pace at which they wanted to score in their second innings, set an improbable target and leave enough overs late in the day to have a crack at the Indian batting line-up.

By stumps on the penultimate day at the ACA Stadium on Tuesday, the reigning World Test champion did just that.

It was the kind of day that a team often dreams of, and South Africa is now eight wickets away from completing a 2-0 sweep.

After batting for two sessions and a bit more, the visitors, riding on Tristan Stubbs' patient 94 (180b, 9x4, 1x6), declared at 260 for five to set a humongous target of 549. India, in its second essay, lost openers Yashasvi Jaiswal and K.L. Rahul early. It was staring at a second series reversal on home soil in little more than twelve months after ending the day at 27 for two.

Earlier, all South Africa needed to do was to see off the first hour and ensure the home team couldn't get a foot inside the door. And that control was provided by openers Ryan Rickelton and Aiden Markram with their third 50-plus partnership in the series. But Ravindra Jadeja and Washington Sundar gave India a glimmer of hope. Rickelton perished to Jadeja, miscuing one to Mohammed Siraj at short extra-cover.

The left-arm spinner made full use of the hard new ball and early moisture to extract grip and turn. One such delivery had Markram beaten all ends up, with the ball drifting in and turning sharply past his outside edge to rattle the off-stump.

Three overs later, Washington removed Bavuma, who gloved an off-break to leg-slip as South Africa slumped to 77 for three.

Though the touring party had a healthy lead at that point, it was the kind of situation where one or two more wickets would have given the opposition a window of opportunity.

However, Tony de Zorzi shifted the pressure back, lofting the off-spinner over long-on. He then employed the sweep effectively against spinners, and came up with a flurry of boundaries to stabilise things.

Stubbs followed a similar strategy and even threw in a few reverse sweeps as the duo added 101 for the fourth wicket.

At a time when there is a clamour to play exciting cricket to keep interest in the format alive, South Africa had no qualms in opting for a more sedate but practical approach.

The team batted for 40 minutes after lunch and brought the innings to a close only when Stubbs fell six short of his ton.

It left the Proteas enough time for a small, short burst from their strike bowlers. Marco Jansen and Simon Harmer delivered the early blows by removing Jaiswal and Rahul respectively.

It bookended a perfect day. Greater joys await on Wednesday.

Piling it on: Stubbs took the wind out of India's sails. RITU RAJ KONWAR

SCOREBOARD

SOUTH AFRICA — 1ST INNINGS
489 in 151.1 overs.
INDIA — 1ST INNINGS
201 in 83.5 overs.
SOUTH AFRICA — 2ND INNINGS
Ryan Rickelton c Siraj b Jadeja 35 *(64b, 4x4)*, Aiden Markram b Jadeja 29 *(84b, 3x4)*, Tristan Stubbs b Jadeja 94 *(180b, 9x4, 1x6)*, Temba Bavuma c Nitish b Washington 3 *(11b)*, Tony de Zorzi lbw b Jadeja 49 *(68b, 4x4, 1x6)*, Wiaan Mulder (not out) 35 *(69b, 5x4)*; Extras (b-9, nb-5, w-1): 15; Total (for five wkts. decl. in 78.3 overs): 260.
FALL OF WICKETS
1-59 (Rickelton, 18.3 overs), 2-74 (Markram, 28.1), 3-77 (Bavuma, 31.3), 4-178 (de Zorzi, 58.1), 5-260 (Stubbs, 78.3).
INDIA BOWLING
Bumrah 6-0-22-0, Siraj 5-1-19-0, Jadeja 28.3-3-62-4, Kuldeep 12-0-48-0, Washington 22-2-67-1, Jaiswal 1-0-9-0, Nitish 4-0-24-0.
INDIA — 2ND INNINGS
Target: 549
Yashavi Jaiswal c Verreynne b Jansen 13 *(19b, 1x4, 1x6)*, K.L. Rahul b Harmer 6 *(30b)*, B. Sai Sudharsan (batting) 2 *(25b)*, Kuldeep Yadav (batting) 4 *(22b, 1x4)*; Extras (lb-1, nb-1): 2; Total (for two wkts. in 15.5 overs): 27.
FALL OF WICKETS
1-17 (Jaiswal, 6.1), 2-21 (Rahul, 9.2).
SOUTH AFRICA BOWLING
Jansen 5-2-14-1, Mulder 4-1-6-0, Harmer 3.5-2-1-1, Maharaj 3-1-5-0.

Conrad sparks controversy with 'grovel' remark

S. Dipak Ragav
GUWAHATI

South Africa coach Shukri Conrad sparked controversy on Tuesday by saying that he wanted to make India "grovel" on the field.

The response came when he was asked about the team's decision to bat almost the entirety of day four, resulting in a delayed declaration.

"We wanted India to spend as much time on their feet out in the field. We wanted them to really grovel, to steal a phrase, bat them completely out of the game and then say to them, 'come and survive on the last day and an hour this evening,'" said Conrad.

While Conrad's words did not appear to come from a place of malaise, the term 'grovel' was once part of a raging racism controversy back in 1976, when the then England captain Tony Greig said he wanted to make the West Indies team "grovel".

It lit a spark among the Windies, for it came from a white English skipper who grew up in apartheid South Africa. The Caribbean team, with its feared pace attack, went on to win the series 3-0.

Through the gate: Rahul's indecisive shot proved fatal at the fag end of the day. RITU RAJ KONWAR

Batting out the whole day will be as good as a win: Jadeja

S. Dipak Ragav
GUWAHATI

Ravindra Jadeja admitted that salvaging a draw against South Africa in the second Test will be like a win for India.

"Tomorrow [Wednesday] is the last day, so the ball will turn and bounce more. We will have to bat well and take it session by session," said Jadeja.

"If we don't lose a wicket in the first session, then there will obviously be pressure on the bowlers. If we can bat out the whole day, it'll be as good as a win," he added.

When asked about India's struggles to bat on a surface where the opponents have looked far more assured, Jadeja felt that scoreboard pressure had a role to play. "The ball started to turn a little when we were bowling, but they were in a good situation. They already had such a big first-innings lead, so they didn't panic.

"However, when you are 300 runs behind or chasing 550 and when the ball is turning and bouncing, that plays on the mind more."

The all-rounder felt that the youngsters in the team would learn from this experience. "When a situation like this happens, and you play three or four youngsters in the team, it feels like the whole side is young and inexperienced.

"They have a learning phase and in international cricket, no matter what format you play, it's not easy. If they handle this situation well, they will mature as a player. And, India's future will be better."

Defending champion India begins campaign against USA

T20 WORLD CUP

Amol Karhadkar
MUMBAI

Suryakumar Yadav, who will lead India's T20 World Cup title defence in less than three months, made no attempt to hide the opponent he hopes to meet in the 2026 final.

"Narendra Modi Stadium, Ahmedabad. Australia," he said with a smile when asked about India's potential final opponent after the tournament schedule was unveiled on Tuesday.

Suryakumar was part of the Indian team that lost the 2023 ODI World Cup final to Australia at the same venue. He did not elaborate, but the packed auditorium sensed the lingering sting of that defeat.

Harmanpreet Kaur, who recently guided India to its maiden Women's ODI World Cup title, immediately agreed. "Australia is the only team we all want to beat. That game always stays with you. So that is the final (I want to watch)," she said.

Rohit Sharma hoped the team focuses on staying composed regardless of the opposition.

"Whoever comes, the team should remain relaxed and calm. They should win without pressure. World Cups are rare – just enjoy the moment," Rohit said, laughing that he sounded "like a mental coach".

The 2026 Men's T20 World Cup will be held from February 7 to March 8, across eight venues – five in India (Delhi; Kolkata; Chennai; Mumbai; Ahmedabad) and three in Sri Lanka (SSC, Colombo; Premadasa, Colombo; Kandy).

Bengaluru was again excluded as the State government is yet to approve public gatherings at the Chinnaswamy Stadium.

Setting the ball rolling: The schedule for the T20 World Cup was announced in Mumbai on Tuesday. ICC

T20 ICC MEN'S T20 WORLD CUP INDIA & SRI LANKA 2026

GROUP A
India (X1), USA, Namibia, Netherlands, Pakistan (Y3)

GROUP B
Australia (X2), Sri Lanka (Y4), Zimbabwe, Ireland, Oman

GROUP C
England (Y1), West Indies (X3), Bangladesh, Italy, Nepal

GROUP D
South Africa (X4), New Zealand (Y2), Afghanistan, Canada, UAE

Date	Team 1	Team 2	Venue	Time
Feb 7	PAK	NED	Colombo (SSC)	11 a.m.
Feb 7	WI	BAN	Kolkata	3 p.m.
Feb 7	**IND**	**USA**	**Mumbai**	**7 p.m.**
Feb 8	NZ	AFG	Chennai	11 a.m.
Feb 8	ENG	NEP	Mumbai	3 p.m.
Feb 8	SL	IRE	Colombo (Premadasa)	7 p.m.
Feb 9	BAN	ITA	Kolkata	11 a.m.
Feb 9	ZIM	OMA	Colombo (SSC)	3 p.m.
Feb 9	SA	CAN	Ahmedabad	7 p.m.
Feb 10	NED	NAM	Delhi	11 a.m.
Feb 10	NZ	UAE	Chennai	3 p.m.
Feb 10	PAK	USA	Colombo (SSC)	7 p.m.
Feb 11	SA	AFG	Ahmedabad	11 a.m.
Feb 11	AUS	IRE	Colombo (Premadasa)	3 p.m.
Feb 11	ENG	WI	Mumbai	7 p.m.
Feb 12	SL	OMA	Kandy	11 a.m.
Feb 12	NEP	ITA	Mumbai	3 p.m.
Feb 12	**IND**	**NAM**	**Delhi**	**7 p.m.**
Feb 13	AUS	ZIM	Colombo (Premadasa)	11 a.m.
Feb 13	CAN	UAE	Delhi	3 p.m.
Feb 13	USA	NED	Chennai	7 p.m.
Feb 14	IRE	OMA	Colombo (SSC)	11 a.m.
Feb 14	ENG	BAN	Kolkata	3 p.m.
Feb 14	NZ	SA	Ahmedabad	7 p.m.
Feb 15	WI	NEP	Mumbai	11 a.m.
Feb 15	USA	NAM	Chennai	3 p.m.
Feb 15	**IND**	**PAK**	**Colombo (Premadasa)**	**7 p.m.**
Feb 16	AFG	UAE	Delhi	11 a.m.
Feb 16	ENG	ITA	Kolkata	3 p.m.
Feb 16	AUS	SL	Kandy	7 p.m.
Feb 17	NZ	CAN	Chennai	11 a.m.
Feb 17	IRE	ZIM	Kandy	3 p.m.
Feb 17	BAN	NEP	Mumbai	7 p.m.
Feb 18	SA	UAE	Delhi	11 a.m.
Feb 18	PAK	NAM	Colombo (SSC)	3 p.m.
Feb 18	**IND**	**NED**	**Ahmedabad**	**7 p.m.**
Feb 19	WI	ITA	Kolkata	11 a.m.
Feb 19	SL	ZIM	Colombo (Premadasa)	3 p.m.
Feb 19	AFG	CAN	Chennai	7 p.m.
Feb 20	AUS	OMA	Kandy	7 p.m.
SUPER 8s				
Feb 21	Y2*	Y3	Colombo (Premadasa)	7 p.m.
Feb 22	Y1	Y4	Kandy	3 p.m.
Feb 22	X1	X4	Ahmedabad	7 p.m.
Feb 23	X2	X3	Mumbai	7 p.m.
Feb 24	Y1	Y3	Kandy	7 p.m.
Feb 25	Y2	Y4	Colombo (Premadasa)	7 p.m.
Feb 26	X3	X4	Ahmedabad	3 p.m.
Feb 26	X1	X2	Chennai	7 p.m.
Feb 27	Y1	Y2	Colombo (Premadasa)	7 p.m.
Feb 28	Y3	Y4	Kandy	7 p.m.
Mar 1	X2	X4	Delhi	3 p.m.
Mar 1	X1	X3	Kolkata	7 p.m.

** Denotes the seedings for Super 8s. Any other team qualifying from a group instead of a pre-seeded team will take its place in the Super 8s*

KNOCK-OUTS			
Mar 4	Semifinal 1	Kolkata/Colombo*	7 p.m.
Mar 5	Semifinal 2	Mumbai	7 p.m.
Mar 8	**Final**	**Ahmedabad/Colombo***	**7 p.m.**

** If Pakistan reaches the semifinal and final, it will play in Colombo*

Higher stakes and more eyeballs beckon SMAT

The upcoming IPL auction and T20 World Cup will keep the players and selectors' interests piqued; the 38 teams have been segregated into the Elite (32) and Plate (six) divisions

CRICKET

Dhruva Prasad
LUCKNOW

The Indian domestic cricket calendar now reflects the rigours of international cricket. After five rounds of gruelling four-day Ranji Trophy cricket, India's journeymen and a handful of stars will brace for high-tempo T20 action with the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy (SMAT) championship beginning on Wednesday across five cities in the country.

While adapting to a different format within a week will be a challenge, teams in good rhythm would also want to carry their momentum from red-ball to white-ball cricket.

A case in point is defending champion Mumbai, which has retained its Ranji Trophy skipper, Shardul Thakur, for the T20 tournament to ensure continuity. Mumbai, which is on top of its group in the Ranji Trophy under Shardul's leadership, will look to get its SMAT title defence off to a winning start against Railways at the Ekana Cricket Stadium here.

The addition of India T20I skipper Suryakumar Yadav and all-rounder Shivam Dube for the first few group-stage matches will bolster the Mumbai squad, which includes former skipper and last season's highest run-getter Ajinkya Rahane.

Tough assignment: Varun's Tamil Nadu has been grouped with white-ball heavyweights Karnataka and Delhi. VIJAY SONEJI

Though Mumbai has won the T20 championship twice in the last three editions, it cannot rest on its laurels, with Sanju Samson's Kerala and Vidarbha also placed in Group A.

Unlike Mumbai, Tamil Nadu will want to shake off its forgettable Ranji Trophy season.

A three-time SMAT champion, Tamil Nadu is banking on leadership changes for a reversal of fortunes, having appointed India spinner Varun Chakaravarthy captain and M. Venkatramana white-ball coach in a mid-season reshuffle.

Grouped with white-ball heavyweights Karnataka and Delhi, Tamil Nadu will have its task cut out.

The segregation of the 38 teams into Elite (32) and Plate (six) divisions, like the Ranji Trophy, will make the competition more cut-throat.

Moreover, for the Elite division, the knockout rounds have been replaced with an eight-team Super League phase, followed immediately by the final on December 18.

The top two teams from each of the four Elite division groups will progress to the Super League round.

The Indian Premier League (IPL) auction, scheduled for December 16, will turn the spotlight on individual performances.

The likes of Venkatesh Iyer (Madhya Pradesh), Prithvi Shaw (Maharashtra), Deepak Hooda (Rajasthan), Ravi Bishnoi (Gujarat), Vijay Shankar (Tripura), and Mayank Agarwal (Karnataka), who were released by their franchises, will be keen to make a statement.

The competition will also serve as a comeback trail for Hardik Pandya (Baroda), who is returning from an injury he suffered during the Asia Cup, and for Mohammed Shami (Bengal), who continues to ply his trade with dedication in a bid to earn a national recall.

With India's T20 World Cup title defence at home less than three months away, the tournament will also pique the interest of the national selectors.

WEDNESDAY'S FIXTURES
Elite: Group A (Lucknow): Chhattisgarh vs. Vidarbha, Mumbai vs. Railways, Kerala vs. Odisha, Andhra vs. Assam.
Group B (Kolkata): Goa vs. Uttar Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir vs. Maharashtra, Hyderabad vs. Madhya Pradesh, Bihar vs. Chandigarh.
Group C (Hyderabad): Gujarat vs. Services, Himachal Pradesh vs. Punjab, Haryana vs Pondicherry, Baroda vs. Bengal.
Group D (Ahmedabad): Karnataka vs. Uttarakhand, Saurashtra vs. Tripura, Rajasthan vs. Tamil Nadu, Delhi vs. Jharkhand.
Plate (Pune): Mizoram vs. Nagaland, Meghalaya vs. Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh vs. Manipur.

Shanth Kumar's nomination for KSCA President's post rejected in scrutiny round

Sports Bureau
BENGALURU

The nomination of K.N. Shanth Kumar, who is contesting for the post of Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA) President, has been rejected in the scrutiny round.

Shanth, Director, The Printers (Mysore) Pvt. Ltd., is part of Team Brijesh, backed by former India cricketer and administrator Brijesh Patel.

The nomination of former India cricketer Venkatesh Prasad, who leads Team Game Changers, for the President post has been approved.

The candidature of former India women's team cricketer Kalpana Venkatachar – a member of Prasad's unit – for President has also been approved.

Team Game Changers suffered a setback as former KSCA Treasurer Vinay Mruthyunjaya's nomination for the post of Secretary has been rejected on technical grounds.

Former KSCA Treasurer E.S. Jairam (Team Brijesh), former KSCA Secretary Santosh Menon and former India batter Sujith Somasundar (both Team Game Changers) have been deemed eligible to contest for the key post of Secretary. A notice signed by the KSCA Electoral Officer mentions that the list of candidates was scrutinised in the presence of Hon'ble Justice Subhash Adi and the candidates.

The KSCA elections will be held on December 7.

List of validly nominated candidates (for post of):

Hony. President: Venkatesh Prasad; Kalpana Venkatachar; **Hony. Vice-President:** Vinod Sivappa; Santosh Menon; Sujith Somasundar; Kalpana Venkatachar; B.N. Madhukar; **Hony. Secretary:** E.S. Jairam; Sujith Somasundar; Santosh Menon; **Hony. Joint Secretary:** B.K. Ravi; A.V. Shashidhara; Avinash Vaidya. **Hony. Treasurer:** B.N. Madhukar; M.S. Vinay; B.N. Subramanya; A.V. Shashidhara; Kalpana Venkatachar. **Life Members (Managing Committee):** Kalpana Venkatachar; Sailesh Poll; V.M. Manjunath; Sanjai Ashok Anand Poll; Vagesh Prasad; K.S. Kedarnath; Avinash Vaidya.

SNAPSHOTS

India loses to Belgium

IPOH: India lost to Belgium 2-3 in a rain-affected Sultan Azlan Shah Cup hockey match on Tuesday. Abhishek (33rd) and Shilanand Lakra (57th) scored for India while Roman Duvekot (17th & 57th) and Nicolas De Kerpel (45th) were on target for Belgium.
India, which had won its opening match 1-0 against South Korea on Sunday, will play Malaysia on Wednesday.

India ends with 16 medals in Deaflympics shooting

India wrapped up its Deaflympics shooting campaign with 16 medals. India dominated, winning 16 out of a total of 39 medals, including seven gold, six silver and three bronze.

Everton shrugs off bizarre red card to pip Man United

Everton survived an astonishing moment of madness at Old Trafford on Monday, when Idrissa Gueye was sent off for slapping teammate Michael Keane, to beat Manchester United 1-0.
The results:
Premier League: Manchester United 0 lost to Everton 1 (Dewsbury-Hall 29). **LaLiga:** Espanyol 2 (Milla 48, Fernandez 84) bt Sevilla 1 (Marcao 86). **Serie A:** Sassuolo 2 (Matic 6, Thorstvedt 90+5) drew with Pisa 2 (Nzola 4-pen, Meister 81); Torino 1 (Vlasic 45+2-pen) lost to Como 5 (Addai 36, 52, Ramon 71, Paz 76, Baturina 86).

Sahakarnagar clinches a thriller

Sahakarnagar BC edged out Chamrajnagar District 61-60 in a men's match at the State Association Cup basketball tournament on Tuesday. In a women's tie, Ruth scored 23 points as SWR thrashed HBR 94-35.

Big win for Anglo Indian

Anglo Indian HC walloped ITC 9-0 in the KSHA C-division hockey league championship on Tuesday.
In another fixture, Germanite Hockey Academy defeated IISC, Gymkhana Club 4-3.

Karnataka on course for a victory

B.R. Rathan took four for 43 as Karnataka dismissed Himachal Pradesh for 182 in the second innings and gave itself a 148-run target for victory in a Cooch Behar Trophy Elite Group-C match on Tuesday. At stumps on day three, the home side had reached 98 for three, and now needs just 50 more runs for a win.
The scores: Himachal 162 in 68.5 overs & 182 in 78 overs (R. Naunihaal 41, B.R. Rathan 4/43) vs. Karnataka 197 in 76.2 overs & 98/3 in 30 overs (Aadesh D. Urs 40).

Easy win for Karnataka

Karnataka recorded a convincing seven-wicket win over Chandigarh in the BCCI under-23 Women's T20 Trophy in Lahli on Tuesday.
The scores:
Chandigarh 91/7 in 20 overs lost to Karnataka 92/3 in 17.2 overs.

LIVE TELECAST

India vs South Africa: 2nd Test, day 5, Star Sports 2 & JioHotstar, 9 a.m.
SMAT: JioHotstar, 9, 11.30 a.m. 1.30 & 4.30 p.m.
Chess World Cup: FIDE YouTube channel, 3 p.m.
Champions League: Sony Sports Ten 2, 3 & LIV, 11.15 p.m. & 1.30 a.m. (Thursday).

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